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October 12, 2017



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gary Halbach

**Rank:** Chief  
**Years in department:** 29 **Age:** 55  
**Training:** fire-fighter II, arson invest. driv/oper. aerial, others  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Deann, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Kaytee Products  
**Occupation:** maintenance manager



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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ben Schoenborn

**Rank:** 1st Asst. Chief  
**Years in department:** 31 **Age:** 50  
**Training:** Jaws, firefighter III, instructor I, driver/operator  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Doreen, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** City of Oshkosh Fire Dept.  
**Occupation:** firefighter/paramedic



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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Phillip J. Anhalt

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 31 **Age:** 51  
**Training:** fire-fighter II  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Sherie, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Calumet Medical Center  
**Occupation:** maintenance/mechanic



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Keith D. Vanne

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 26 **Age:** 49  
**Training:** Jaws, firefighter II, driv/oper., others  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Sue, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Hosokawa Alpine American  
**Occupation:** field service



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nathan Schneider

**Rank:** 2nd Assistant Chief  
**Years in department:** 16 **Age:** 34  
**Training:** Firefighter I & II, driver/operator, aerial  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Tabitha, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Hickory Meadows Landfill  
**Occupation:** gas technician



CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Randy Bratz

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 28 **Age:** 53  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, driv/oper., others  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Christine, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Kaytee Products, Inc.  
**Occupation:** quality control manager



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# Home structure fire statistics

■ U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 358,500 home structure fires per year during 2011 to 2015, which represents three-quarters of all structure fires.

■ Home fires caused an annual average of 2,510 civilian fire deaths, or 93 percent of all civilian structure fire deaths; 12,300 civilian fire injuries, or 87 percent of all civilian structure fire injuries; and \$6.7 billion in direct damage, or 68 percent of total direct damage in structure fires.

■ On average, seven people died in U.S. home fires per day.

■ Cooking equipment was the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries and the second leading cause of home fire deaths.

■ Smoking was the leading cause of civilian home fire deaths. Heating equipment was the second most common cause of home fires and fire injuries and the third leading cause of fire deaths.

■ While the number of home fire deaths has been cut roughly in half since 1980, the rate of deaths per 1,000 reported home fires was actually 10 percent higher than in 1980.

## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Kevin Beil

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 27 **Age:** 49  
**Training:** fire-fighter II, jaws, arson invest., driver op., aerial  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Amy, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Briess Industries  
**Occupation:** Laborer



## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Jeff Moehn

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 48  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I & II, Jaws, driver/operator, arson investigator, Aerial  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Michelle, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Moehn Plumbing  
**Occupation:** Plumber



## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Bruce A. Alten

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 42 **Age:** 61  
**Training:** Jaws, firefighter II, driver op, fire investigator  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Briess Industries  
**Occupation:** inventory manager



## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Robert L. Olson

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 28 **Age:** 57  
**Training:** fire-fighter II, driver/operator, aerial oper.  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Lori, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Vande Hey Brantmeier Body Shop  
**Occupation:** auto body repairman



## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Dan Hilton

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 27 **Age:** 62  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, driv/oper., aerial, instructor I, arson investigator  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Ellie, 5 children  
**Place of employment:** O'Reillys  
**Occupation:** parts specialist



## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Shane Peik

**Rank:** Safety Officer  
**Years in department:** 35 **Age:** 55  
**Training:** fire-fighter II, driver/oper., FFI, aerial, fire investigator  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Sallie, 4 children  
**Place of employment:** Stone Mill Construction  
**Occupation:** Sales rep



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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Doug Baer

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 21 Age: 49  
Training: fire-fighter II, driver/oper., other  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center  
Occupation: environmental services





CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nick Grenzer

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 28  
Training: fire-fighter I & I  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Metko Inc.  
Occupation: laser operator





CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Moehn

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 23 Age: 50  
Training: Jaws, firefighter II, driv/oper., aerial oper., others  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: married to Connie, 3 children  
Place of employment: Milk Products, Inc.  
Occupation: Jeep driver






CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Patrick McGinnis

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 13 Age: 49  
Training: Firefighter I & II, driver/operator, aerial  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: married to Kelly, 2 children  
Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center  
Occupation: physical therapist




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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brandon Gillig

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 15 Age: 34  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Pierce Mfg.  
Occupation: assembly





CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph Bonlander

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 12 Age: 47  
Training: fire-fighter II, hazmat awareness & operations, jaws tech and others  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: married to Sherry, 2 children  
Place of employment: Kaytee Products  
Occupation: maintenance





CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jake Phillips

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 10 Age: 38  
Training: fire-fighter I, driver/oper.  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: married to Sasha, 1 child  
Place of employment: Kaytee  
Occupation: pellet department







CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

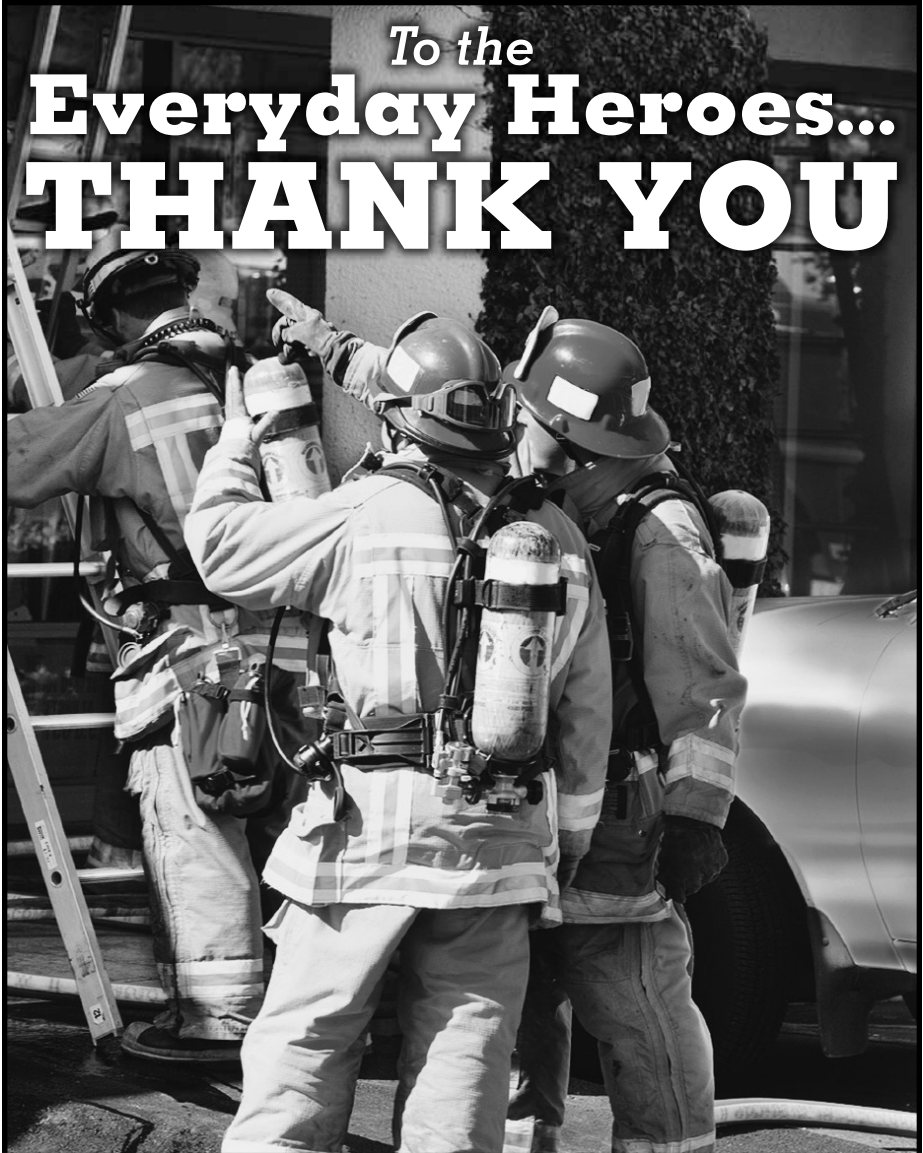
Nick Hanna


Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 9 Age: 30  
Training: fire-fighter, driver/op  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single, 1 child  
Place of employment: Briess Industries  
Occupation: laborer














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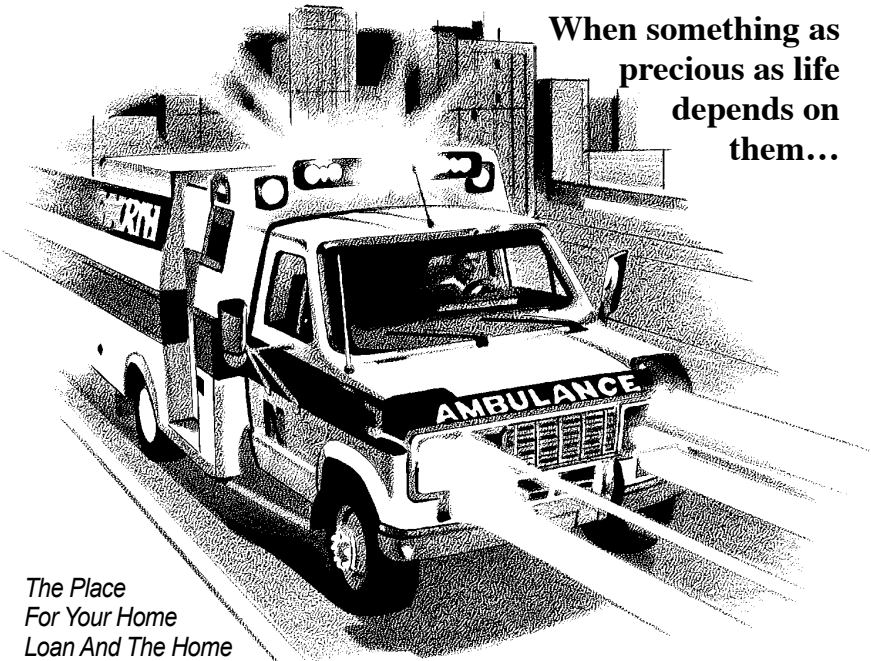
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- 1. Oakland Fire Storm (wildland/urban interface), Oakland, California; October 1991, \$1.5 billion (\$2.6 billion in 2015 dollars)
- 2. The Southern California Firestorm, San Diego County, California, October 2007, \$1.8 billion (\$2.1 billion)
- 3. "Cerro Grande" Wildland Fire (wildland/urban interface), Los Alamos, New Mexico, May 2000, \$1.0 billion (1.4 billion)
- 4. "Cedar" Wildland Fire, Julian, California, October 2003, \$1.1 billion (\$1.4 billion)
- 5. "Old" Wildland Fire, San Bernardino, California, October 2003, \$975 million (\$1.3 billion)
- 6. Southern California Wildfires of November, Sacramento, California, November 2008, \$800 million (\$882 million)
- 7. "Laguna Beach Fire" (wildland/urban interface), Orange County, California, October 1993, \$528 million (\$866 million)
- 8. Wildland Fire, Florida, May-June, 1998, \$395 million (\$573 million)
- 9. Forest Fire, Cloquet, Minnesota, October 1918, \$35 million (\$549 million)

## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Brandon Alten

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 25  
**Training:** fire-fighter I  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Alten Consolidated  
**Occupation:** owner



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## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Bruce Henninger

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 28  
**Training:** fire-fighter I & II  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** VHB Central Garage  
**Occupation:** lube technician



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## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Chris Hilton

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 9 **Age:** 40  
**Training:** firefighter I & II  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Caroline  
**Place of employment:** Spancrete  
**Occupation:** field foreman



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## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Keith C. Woelfel

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 31 **Age:** 55  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, JAWS, driver/oper., aerial, others  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Tammy, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Kaytee Products, Inc.  
**Occupation:** receiving



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## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Ryan Baltz

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 39  
**Training:** fire-fighter I, II, driver/op, jaws  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Cary, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** Kaytee Products  
**Occupation:** machine operator



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## CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Brett Bratz

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 4 **Age:** 22  
**Training:** fire-fighter I  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Vande Hey Brantmeier  
**Occupation:** mechanic



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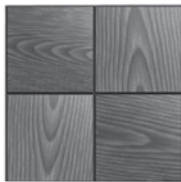
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**CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Gregory A. Kubichka**



**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 15 **Age:** 34  
**Training:** fire-fighter I & II  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Amy, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Rental Finders  
**Occupation:** Property Manager



**CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Pete VanRooy**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 9 **Age:** 37  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, driver/op, arson investigators, aerial  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Nicole, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** PVR Plastering Services  
**Occupation:** construction



**CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Brandon Bratz**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 31  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, driver/oper., aerial  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** MB Companies  
**Occupation:** machine operator, metal fab.



**CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Curtis Christopherson**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 8 **Age:** 36  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, driver/op  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** CNH Industrial  
**Occupation:** welder



**CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Marc Gries**



**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 10 **Age:** 32  
**Training:** fire-fighter I  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** single, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** Krone Wisconsin  
**Occupation:** parts department



**CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Chad Meyer**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 22 **Age:** 41  
**Training:** Jaws, firefighter I & II, driv/op, others  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Alta Resources  
**Occupation:** sales



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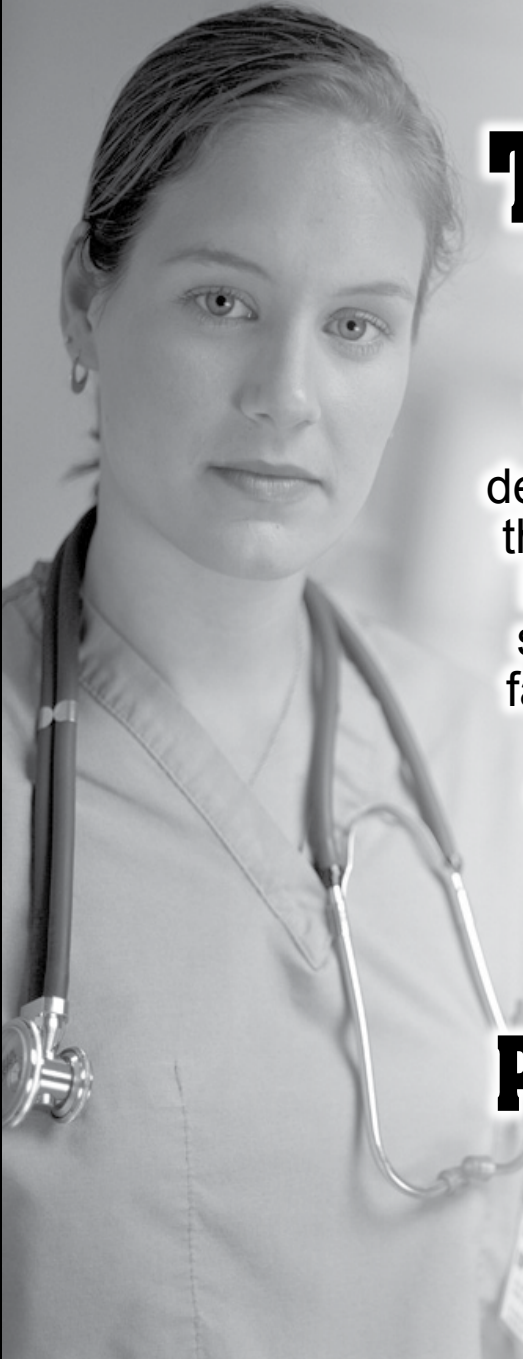


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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dylan Jones

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 6 Age: 25  
Training: fire-fighter I, driver/op, aerial  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: married to Amanda, 1 child  
Place of employment: Spancrete  
Occupation: laborer






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CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chad Halbach

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 6 Age: 31  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: engaged  
Place of employment: Halbach Plumbing  
Occupation: plumber







CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kelsey Augsburger

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 6 Age: 24  
Training: firefighter I & II, driver/op  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: engaged  
Occupation: student





CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Richard Hostettler

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 4 Age: 26  
Training: fire-fighter I & driver operator  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Worthington Cylinder  
Occupation: packaging





CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alexis Kruger

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 4 Age: 26  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Worthington Industries  
Occupation: health & safety coordinator





CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Hieber

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 26  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Worthington Cylinder  
Occupation: press operator







CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Josh Heller

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 25  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Amerequip  
Occupation: welder





CHILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dylan Muehlbauer

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 23  
Training: Hazmat tech.  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Faith Tech.  
Occupation: electronics systems apprentice





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**Denis Mayer**

**Rank:** Fire Chief  
**Years in department:** 31 **Age:** 54  
**Training:** Certified Firefighter I & II, fire officer I, driver/operator, aerial, fire instructor I, fire inspector, CPR, jaws & others  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Donna, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Kohler Co.  
**Occupation:** maintenance team leader



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Jeffrey Beck**

**Rank:** 1st Assistant Chief  
**Years in department:** 28 **Age:** 46  
**Training:** State Certified Officer II, Instructor I, Inspector I, driver/operator, aerial, airport rescue, others  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Lori, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Miller Mfg., Inc.  
**Occupation:** journeyman machinist



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Tom Konopka**

**Rank:** 2nd Assistant Chief  
**Years in department:** 32 **Age:** 59  
**Training:** Firefighter II, Driver/Operator/Aerial, Airport rescue, others  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** New Holstein Public Schools  
**Occupation:** custodian



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Craig Carey**

**Rank:** Captain/First Responder  
**Years in department:** 23 **Age:** 50  
**Training:** First Responder, firefighter I & II, driver/op, aerial cert., fire instructor, Inspector I  
**City of residence:** Town of New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Carol, 4 children, 5 grandchildren  
**Place of employment:** MSC Global  
**Occupation:** maintenance



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Keith Price**

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 49  
**Training:** CPR, firefighter I & II, airport rescue, driver op/aerial, others  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Kim, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Manitowoc Cranes  
**Occupation:** Sr. quality engineer



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Corey Bratz**

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 36  
**Training:** Firefighter I & II, CPR & many others  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Melissa  
**Place of employment:** C.D. Smith Construction  
**Occupation:** crane operator



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Russ Thiel**

**Rank:** Secretary/Treasurer  
**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 52  
**Training:** Firefighter II, HazMat, Aerial Op, Fire Inspector I  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** Married to Michelle, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** M-B Companies  
**Occupation:** purchasing manager



**Erica Boll-Feltes**  
 Independent Insurance Agent

## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Eric Mayer**

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 11 **Age:** 29  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, driver op, fire inspector, jaws/extrication/aerial, paramedic, officer I  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Jessica, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** City of Oshkosh Fire Department  
**Occupation:** firefighter/paramedic



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Nick Turba**

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 10 **Age:** 28  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, fire officer I & II, EMT-basic, driver-op/aerial, fire instructor, fire inspector I  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Heather, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** Appleton Medical Center  
**Occupation:** Registered Nurse



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Matt Ketter**

**Rank:** Firefighter I  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 31  
**Training:** firefighter I  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Crystal, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** KS Energy  
**Occupation:** foreman



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Scott Schmitt**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 52  
**Training:** CPR, certified driver/operator, aerial, certified firefighter I & II, airport rescue, others  
**City of residence:** Town of New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Diane, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Miller Mfg.  
**Occupation:** journeyman machinist



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## NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE &amp; RESCUE

**Tim Franzen**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 15 **Age:** 33  
**Training:** firefighter I, driver op/aerial  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE


**John Van De Hey**  
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Years in department: 11  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: A-1 Polishing & Finishing  
Occupation: human resource director






NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

**Curtis Schmitt**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 9 Age: 28  
Training: firefighter I, CPR, hazmat  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married to Kristin  
Occupation: AJ's Tire





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

**Heath Bohn**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 9 Age: 41  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married to Nicolette, 2 children  
Place of employment: Sargento  
Occupation: process technician









NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

**Bradley Woelfel**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 7 Age: 36  
Training: fire-fighter I & II  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married to Leah, 1 child  
Place of employment: Kohler Company  
Occupation: IT





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE


**Brian Burg**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 18 Age: 37  
Training: state certified firefighter I & II, driver/operator pumper, aerial  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married to Jess, 2 children  
Place of employment: Calumet Co. Highway Dept.  
Occupation: highway maintenance






NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE


**Brad Anhalt**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 12 Age: 38  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: Town of Charlestown  
Family status: married to Vickey, 2 children  
Place of employment: Kohler






NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

**Josh Scott**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 7 Age: 23  
Training: fire-fighter I & II, CPR, hazmat  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Scott's Lawn Service, LLC  
Occupation: owner





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE


**Kurt Mayer**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 4 Age: 27  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Calumet County  
Occupation: correctional officer






NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE


**Michael Danes**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 16 Age: 42  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: Town of Charlestown  
Family status: married to Christina, 2 children  
Place of employment: Danes Farms, Inc.  
Occupation: part owner/manager






NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

**Scott Bonlander**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 23 Age: 48  
Training: Certified Driver/Operator, pumper, aerial certified firefighter I & II, others  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married to Kristine, 2 children  
Occupation: self employed





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE


**Matthew Buechel**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 7 Age: 29  
Training: firefighter I & II, certified driver operator/ pumper  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married  
Place of employment: Feldner Chevrolet






NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

**Tyler Schmitt**  
Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 7 Age: 24  
Training: fire-fighter I & II, CPR certified, hazmat  
City of residence: Town of New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: DE Thome Electric  
Occupation: master electrician







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Andrew Feider

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 23 Age: 52  
Training: fire-fighter I & II, airpt rescue, first responder, fire investigator, others, driver operator  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married to Margaret, 2 children  
Place of employment: MB Company  
Occupation: stockroom







NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Christopher Winkler

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 6 Age: 23  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: United Erecting







NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Nathan Schroeder

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 2 Age: 19  
Training: entry firefighter I & II, hazmat  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Occupation: student







NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Nick Kaat

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 2 Age: 31  
Training: part A&B, entry firefighter I & II, hazmat  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married to Melissa  
Place of employment: Ornua  
Occupation: production







NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Travis Price

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1st Age: 18  
Training: training entry firefighter  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Travis' Turf & Landscaping, LLC  
Occupation: owner







NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Ashlee Jordan

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 2 Age: 21  
Training: HAZMAT, firefighter 1 part A&B, firefighter 1 cert. class  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Sargento & Kwik Trip







NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Jarrod Meinnert

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1st Age: 27  
Training: entry level  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: WindWalker Label  
Occupation: press operator





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Chad Halbach

Rank: Firefighter/First Responder  
Years in department: 9 Age: 31  
Training: instructor, EMT-B, driver/op, aerial, firefighter I & II, hazmat operations  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: married to Rachael, 1 child  
Place of employment: American Finishing  
Occupation: Design Engineer







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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Chase Fritsch

Rank: Firefighter/First Responder President

Years in department: 4 Age: 25

Training: firefighter I, paramedic

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: single

Place of employment: Sheboygan Fire Department

Occupation: firefighter





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Derek Hanamann

Rank: Firefighter/1st Responder

Years in department: 15 Age: 36


Training: firefighter I, fire invest., 1st responder, inspector I


City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Ann

Place of employment: Kaytee Products

Occupation: maintenance





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRE & RESCUE

Jeff Roehrig

Rank: First Responder/Firefighter

Years in department: 7 Age: 27


Training: firefighter I, paramedic


City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: single

Place of employment: Gold Cross/Theda Star

Occupation: critical care paramedic/flight paramedic





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Kristine Bonlander

Rank: First Responder/Vice President First Responder

Years in department: 17 Age: 47

Training: First Responder, CPR instructor

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Scott, 2 children

Place of employment: Henning's Cheese, FVTC





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Vickey Anhalt

Rank: First Responder, secretary

Years in department: 6 Age: 37

Training: first responder, CPR

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Brad, 2 children

Place of employment: Mae Rylies Screen Printing & Embroidery





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Tim Lund

Rank: First Responder

Years in department: 11 Age: 46

Training: first responder, EMT, LPN, MTIV Tech, RN

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Laura, 1 child

Place of employment: Gold Cross, Brillion

Occupation: IV tech





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Rachel Schroeder

Rank: First responder

Years in department: 17 Age: 44


Training: first responder, defib


City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Jeff, 3 children

Place of employment: AMG/CMC Clinic & Calumet Co. Home Care/Hospice

Occupation: RN





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Lindsey Roehrig

Rank: First Responder

Years in department: 5 Age: 24

Training: first responder

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Mike

Place of employment: Elenco

Occupation: centerless





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Fritz Heathman

Rank: First Responder

Years in department: 5 Age: 37

Training: first responder

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Corey, 2 children

Place of employment: Amerequip

Occupation: quality engineer





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Eric Hansen


Rank: First Responder


Years in department: 5 Age: 44

Training: first responder

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Ma-linda, 2 children





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NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Travis Frey

Rank: First Responder

Years in department: 5 Age: 46

Training: first responder


City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to De-nise, 2 children

Place of employment: HG Weber

Occupation: electrician





NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS

Ann Albright

Rank: First Responder

Years in department: 1st Age: 46


Training: first responder, CPR


City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: single

Place of employment: Kwik Trip

Occupation: guest services





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# Things to look for when buying extinguisher

October is Fire Safety Month, and part of fire safety is learning about fire extinguishers.

While most of us have one in our homes, it is important to know how to use it and when to replace it. There are some common questions about fire extinguishers, and Kidde is here to help. Learn more about fire extinguishers with Kidde and Blain's Farm & Fleet.

## How do I choose a fire extinguisher?

Fire Extinguisher Class—The first step is to look at the label on a fire extinguish-

er to determine its class. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and UL created three classes of fires—A, B, and C. These letters are shown on the label of the fire extinguisher to indicate that it has been tested and found to be effective on those classes of fire.

■ **Class A:** Fires that involve common combustibles such as wood, paper, cloth, rubber, trash, and plastics.

■ **Class B:** Fires that involve solvents, oil, gasoline, paints, lacquers and other oil-based products.

■ **Class C:** Fires that involve energized

electrical equipment.

## Fire Extinguisher Rating

The next step is to look at ratings. The numbers 1 to 10 before the letter A represents the rating for that A capability, the higher the number the larger A class fire the unit can handle. The numbers 10, 20, 40, 60, 80 before the letter B represents the rating for the B capability, once again the higher the number the larger B class fires the unit can handle. The letter C does not get a rating as the letter only signifies that the unit is electrically non-conductive.

## Types of Fire Extinguishers

There are five different types of fire extinguishers, according to Kidde:

■ **Water**—Absorbs the heat and cools the burning material.

■ **Dry Chemical**—Smotheres the fuel (preventing vapors from igniting) and interrupts the chemical chain reaction.

■ **CO2**—Removes the oxygen from the fire.

■ **Halotron**—Interrupts the chemical chain reaction.

■ **Wet Chemical**—Smotheres and seals the fuel (preventing vapors from igniting) and removes the heat by cooling.

## Do fire extinguishers expire?

Rechargeable fire extinguishers—According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, rechargeable fire extinguishers must be recharged every 10 years. A rechargeable fire extinguisher has a metal head, and a gauge that reads "Charge/Recharge." Check your fire extinguisher's gauge monthly to verify that your fire extinguisher is

still charged. If the extinguisher's gauge needle is in the recharge area, have your fire extinguisher recharged immediately. For more information about your specific fire extinguisher, refer to your user's manual.

Disposable fire extinguishers—According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, disposable fire extinguishers must be replaced every 12 years. A disposable fire extinguisher has a plastic head, and a gauge that reads full/empty. Check your fire extinguishers gauge monthly to verify that your fire extinguisher is still full. If the extinguisher's gauge needle is in the empty area, replace your fire extinguisher immediately. For more information about your specific fire extinguisher, refer to your user's manual.

## How do I use a fire extinguisher?

When putting out a fire, stand six to eight feet away from the fire and follow the four-step PASS procedure, recommended by the NFPA:

■ **P**—Pull the pin and hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you.

■ **A**—Aim low at the base of the fire.

■ **S**—Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly to discharge the extinguishing agent. When the agent firsts hits, the fire may briefly flare up. This is to be expected.

■ **S**—Sweep the nozzle from side to side, moving carefully toward the fire. Keep the extinguisher aimed at the fire.

Kidde fire extinguishers should be stored in temperatures ranging from -40 F to 120 F to prevent the extinguisher from being damaged.

**NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Nate Van Da Huvel**

**Rank:** First Responder  
**Years in department:** 1st Age: 36  
**Training:** advanced EMT  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Lifestar EMS  
**Occupation:** advanced EMT




**NEW HOLSTEIN FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Carol Carey**

**Rank:** First Responder  
**Years in department:** 1st  
**Training:** paramedic  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** married to Craig, 4 children  
**Place of employment:** Humana  
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The New Holstein Fire Department's training facility located on the far northeast side of the city was the location this past spring for another statewide training event. Firefighters came from throughout Wisconsin to practice extraction of injured persons from a hot, smoke-filled building. Similar to another recent event at the facility, the training was provided by members of the Brew City F.O.O.L.S. organization. This organization is made up of firefighters who provide free or very low-cost training for firefighters.

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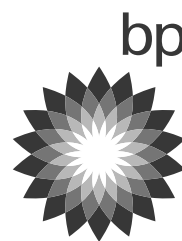




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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT


**Bob H. Hennings**  
Rank: Chief  
Years in department: 42 Age: 60  
Training: fire-fighter I, fire officer 1, driver/operator  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Karen, 3 children  
Place of employment: Kiel Foundry  
Occupation: owner






KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Brad Becker**  
Rank: Asst. Chief  
Years in department: 35 Age: 55  
Training: fire-fighter I, fire officer 1, driver/operator  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Lynn, 3 children  
Place of employment: H.G. Weber  
Occupation: assembler





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT


**Keith Raquet**  
Rank: Asst. Chief  
Years in department: 40 Age: 60  
Training: fire-fighter I, fire officer 1, driver/operator  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Rogene, 3 children  
Place of employment: H. G. Weber & Co., Inc.  
Occupation: customer service sales





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT


**Jim Fromm**  
Rank: Captain  
Years in department: 36 Age: 58  
Training: fire-fighter I, fire officer 1, driver/operator  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Marge, 2 children  
Place of employment: Vollrath Co.  
Occupation: master scheduler




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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

**John P. Riehn**  
Rank: Captain  
Years in department: 41 Age: 59  
Training: fire-fighter I, engineer, fire officer 1, driver/operator  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Beth, 2 children  
Place of employment: Kiel Foundry  
Occupation: moulder







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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT


**Larry Arenz**  
Rank: Captain-EMT  
Years in department: 42 Age: 62  
Training: fire-fighter I, EMT-ID, fire officer 1, driver/operator  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Chris, 2 children  
Occupation: retired






KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Brian F. Voland**  
Rank: Lieutenant  
Years in department: 30 Age: 58  
Training: fire-fighter I, driver/operator  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: single, 2 children  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial  
Occupation: quality assurance





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Kevin Voland**  
Rank: Lieutenant  
Years in department: 31 Age: 49  
Training: engineer, firefighter I, fire officer 1, driver/operator  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Kathy, 2 children  
Place of employment: Vollrath Co.  
Occupation: senior material planner





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Dave Arenz

Rank: Lieutenant/EMT  
 Years in department: 35 Age: 65  
 Training: fire-fighter I, EMT-D, fire officer 1, driver/operator  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Paula, 2 children  
 Place of employment: Kiel Post Office  
 Occupation: mail carrier





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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jared L. Roeck

Rank: Engineer  
 Years in department: 26 Age: 48  
 Training: fire-fighter 2, driver/operator  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Sandy, 2 children  
 Place of employment: Roeck's Bakery  
 Occupation: baker





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Todd W. Olig

Rank: Engineer, AEMT  
 Years in department: 21 Age: 50  
 Training: fire-fighter I, EMT-IV Tech, CPR Instructor, driver/operator  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: Married to Christine, 3 children  
 Place of employment: New York Life  
 Occupation: financial services





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Arenz

Rank: Engineer  
 Years in department: 16 Age: 36  
 Training: engineer, driver/operator  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: single, 1 child  
 Place of employment: PW Stoelting






KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Fromm

Rank: Engineer  
 Years in department: 16 Age: 35  
 Training: firefighter, driver/operator  
 City of residence: New Holstein  
 Family status: married to Steph, 3 children  
 Place of employment: PW Stoelting  
 Occupation: welder





*David J. Pieper D.D.S.*

KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Patrick A. Tienor

Rank: Engineer, EMT  
 Years in department: 24 Age: 43  
 Training: EMT-paramedic, firefighter II, driver/operator  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: 2 children  
 Place of employment: Dept. of Corrections  
 Occupation: registered nurse





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jesse Wilkens

Rank: Firefighter/Engineer  
 Years in department: 14 Age: 37  
 Training: firefighter 1, driver/operator, engineer  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Nicole, 2 children  
 Place of employment: Stoelting, LLC  
 Occupation: service tech/supervisor





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Brockway

Rank: Engineer  
 Years in department: 23 Age: 58  
 Training: fire-fighter I, EMT-D, driver/operator  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Judy, 2 children  
 Place of employment: Kohler Co.  
 Occupation: machine operator





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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nick Mertens

Rank: Engineer

Years in department: 19 Age: 38


Training: engineer, driver/ operator

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Angie, 2 children

Place of employment: United Erecting

Occupation: rigger



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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Brockway

Rank: Engineer

Years in department: 17 Age: 36


Training: engi- neer, EMT, driver/ operator


City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Jenny, 3 children

Place of employ- ment: Sheboygan Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Occupation: deputy





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KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Molitor

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 9 Age: 48


Training: fire- fighter II, driver/ operator


City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Mary- Beth, 2 children

Place of employ- ment: Rockline Industries

Occupation: financial business analyst





City of  
Kiel

KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Neils

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 7 Age: 39

Training: Firefight- er I, advanced open water/rescue diver, driver/operator

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Nicole, 3 children

Place of employment: Mercury Marine

Occupation: supplier quality engineer





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Travis Sander

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 13 Age: 38

Training: fire- fighter I, driver/ operator

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Dawn, 2 children

Place of employ- ment: Sargento Foods, Plymouth

Occupation: shipping laborer





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Mike Mattie

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 11 Age: 50


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City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Mist- ine, 2 children

Place of employment: PW Stoelting

Occupation: engineer





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Mike Groh

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 4 Age: 49


Training: fire- fighter I, driver/ operator


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Family sta- tus: married to Brenda, 3 children

Place of employ- ment: Kohler Company

Occupation: foundry worker





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Michael Franzen

Rank: Firefighter

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 Family status: married to Carrie, 3 children  
 Place of employment: Superior Chemical  
 Occupation: regional sales manager





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Derek Feldmann

Rank: Firefighter  
 Years in department: 6 Age: 33  
 Training: firefighter I & II, Fire Instructor I, entry level officer I, entry level driver/op, NIMS 700, 800, 900, 100, 200, 300. NFA tactical course 1-3  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Georgina  
 Place of employment: Masters Gallery Foods  
 Occupation: entry level mechanic





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Woelfel

Rank: Firefighter  
 Years in department: 5 Age: 34  
 Training: firefighter I & II, driver/operator  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Sara, 1 child  
 Place of employment: Windwalker Ind.  
 Occupation: press operator





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sean Lorbecki

Rank: Firefighter  
 Years in department: 4 Age: 29  
 Training: firefighter I & II, driver/operator  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Martha  
 Place of employment: Ditter Plumbing  
 Occupation: journeyman plumber







KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Aaron Meyer

Rank: Firefighter  
 Years in department: 4 Age: 41  
 Training: firefighter I, II & II, fire inspector I, ATV, driver/operator, fire protection tech  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to January, 1 child  
 Place of employment: Poly One  
 Occupation: material handler







KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Stelter

Rank: Firefighter  
 Years in department: 9 Age: 41  
 Training: firefighter I, driver/operator, engineer  
 Residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Tammy, 4 children  
 Place of employment: Kohler Co.  
 Occupation: machinist





KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ryan Pafford

Rank: Firefighter/EMT  
 Years in department: 6 Age: 30  
 Training: fire officer 2, fire inspector 2, fire instructor 2, driver/operator, firefighter II, hazmat, hazmat tech, airport firefighter, EMT-B  
 City of residence: Kiel  
 Family status: married to Jenny, 3 children  
 Place of employment: Dane County Regional Airport  
 Occupation: firefighter





KIEL AMBULANCE/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Al Kienbaum


Rank: Firefighter/EMT  
 Years in department: 7 Age: 43  
 Training: EMT-basic, EVOC, Firefighter I  
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 Family status: engaged to Heidi  
 Place of employment: HUI  
 Occupation: cell tech





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# Almost one-third of smoke alarms not working

When it comes to having smoke alarms in Wisconsin homes, there is good news and bad news, based on data from the Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association.

The good news is 96 percent of homes have smoke alarms. The bad news is that in 30 percent of those homes, the smoke alarms are not working.

Reasons for the non-operating smoke alarms vary but a few stand out. Batteries are often removed in order to power other items, like television remote controls. The alarm may have been silenced because of the beeping sound when bat-

teries or the alarm itself requires maintenance or replacement. Some alarms are simply too old and no longer work properly. These have tragic yet preventable consequences.

“Almost every fire we go to is preventable,” said Mike Wos of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin. “Checking your smoke alarms monthly and changing your batteries twice every year is the simplest thing you can do to keep your family safe. Changing the batteries when you change your clock in spring and fall makes for an easy reminder.”

Thomas Clark of the Wisconsin State

Fire Inspectors Association and Pleasant Prairie Fire Department concurs. “There is no reason in this day and age why people are perishing in house fires,” Clark said. “You have to realize that a smoke alarm is a life-saving device. That’s going to give you early notification that there’s a problem in your house.”

Maintaining that life-saving device takes a few simple considerations. Smoke alarm batteries should be tested every six months and the device itself should be replaced every decade.

“The manufacturers actually tell you that after 10 years your smoke alarm

may not work as well as they would when they are new and the sensors get a little bit off,” said Ron Hampton of the Wisconsin State Fire Fighters Association and Cassville Fire Department.

If you are in a home where you are unsure of the age of the alarm, check for a date on the back or side of the unit, Clark said.

Hampton also recommended visual clues, yellowing or other discoloration could indicate an older unit.


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**KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Kyle Preissner**

**Rank:** Firefighter/EMT  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 24  
**Training:** firefighter I, medical first responder, ice rescue, RIT  
**City of residence:** Kiel  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Sargento







**KIEL AMBULANCE/FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Ben Jeanty**

**Rank:** First Responder/EMT/Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 25  
**Training:** EMT-Basic, CPR  
**City of residence:** Kiel  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** City of Plymouth  
**Occupation:** police officer







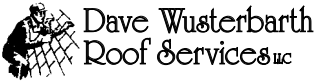
**KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Cameron Karstaedt**

**Rank:** Cadet  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 16  
**City of residence:** Kiel  
**Family status:** single  
**Occupation:** student









**KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Hunter Roeck**

**Rank:** Cadet  
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# Alarms

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are required to follow Wisconsin state codes for regular fire inspections and maintenance; however, building residents are responsible for reporting any issues with their smoke alarm to the landlord immediately.

“People don’t always take having a smoke alarm seriously,” said David Bloom of the Wisconsin State Chiefs Association and Town of Madison Fire Department. “You don’t think a house fire is going to happen to you until it does happen to you. You’ve got to have smoke alarms, you need to test your smoke alarm, change the batteries every

six months unless you have a long-term lithium battery then change the alarm every 10 years.”

In addition to a working smoke alarm, practice is key. Push the alarm button so all in the home know what it sounds like, and train them on what that sound means and what actions should be taken.

Ensure all in the household, including visitors, are aware of the at least two ways to exit the home and the meeting place once outside of the home.

Your local fire department is a great resource for receive guidance on your smoke alarm as well as other key parts

of fire safety. Bloom said you may even invite your local fire inspector into your home to take a look at your outlets, provide tips on safe cooking, and get the expert’s eyes on that life-saving smoke alarm. Wisconsin Smoke Alarm and Fire Education (WisSAFE) is helping homeowners statewide obtain working smoke alarms with it is a fire service and public service collaboration in partnership with the American Red Cross. Clark, Hampton and Bloom are three of the seven members of the WisSAFE board of directors. “Knowing chances of surviving a fire increase by 50 percent when you

have working smoke alarms makes this a life-saving venture,” said Patty Flowers, Regional Red Cross CEO. “Together, we will canvass the State of Wisconsin to ensure no one is without them. With an overall goal of reducing fatal fires by 25 percent within five years, the goal is lofty. With the strength and involvement of local partnerships, we can make this happen. Lives

The American Red Cross became a partner in smoke alarm installation and fire education in January 2016. Red Cross volunteers supply smoke alarms to local fire departments.

KIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hannah Voland


Rank: Cadet


Years in department: 3 Age: 16

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single

Occupation: student





KIEL AMBULANCE

Richard Isely, Jr.

Rank: EMS Chief

Years in department: 35 Age: 59


Training: paramedic, ACLS, BTLs, PALS


City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Barb, 2 children

Place of employment: Gold Cross Ambulance

Occupation: Paramedic





KIEL AMBULANCE

Jennifer Holz

Rank: EMT

Years in department: 15 Age: 40

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: married to Jeff, 2 children

Place of employment: K&M Piggly Wiggly

Occupation: scan coordinator





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Rank: EMT  
Years in department: 17 Age: 40  
Training: EMT  
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Family status: married to Heidi, 3 children  
Place of employment: Sargento Foods





KIEL AMBULANCE

Amanda Rabe

Rank: EMT-Basic  
Years in department: 1 Age: 35  
Training: EMT-basic  
City of residence: Kiel  
Place of employment: Kiel Area School District  
Occupation: teacher







KIEL AMBULANCE

Dale C. Popp

Rank: AEMT  
Years in department: 25 Age: 50  
Training: EMT-I  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Shelly, 3 children  
Place of employment: PW Stoelting  
Occupation: machine builder







KIEL AMBULANCE

Tyler Olig

Rank: EMT  
Years in department: 5 Age: 24  
Training: EMT  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Mt. Calvary Ambulance  
Occupation: EMT/driver







KIEL AMBULANCE

Amy Jo Daily

Rank: EMT-Basic  
Years in department: 1 Age: 42  
Training: EMT-basic, CPR  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: single, 3 children  
Place of employment: Stoelting  
Occupation: spot welder





KIEL AMBULANCE

Paul Thibeault

Rank: EMT-Intermediate  
Years in department: 5 Age: 39  
Training: EMT-paramedic, critical care transport certification, pediatric advanced life support  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Kate, 2 children  
Place of employment: County Rescue Services/Eagle III  
Occupation: paramedic/flight medic







KIEL AMBULANCE

Marie Mueller

Rank: AEMT  
Years in department: 16 Age: 59  
Training: EMT-I  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Tom, 3 children  
Place of employment: Sargento  
Occupation: Assembler





KIEL AMBULANCE

Patti Lorbecki

Rank: AEMT  
Years in department: 18 Age: 51  
Training: EMT basic & IV Tech, Defib, CPR  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: single, 3 children  
Occupation: child care provider





KIEL AMBULANCE

Tina M. Reese

Rank: EMT-Basic  
Years in department: 1st Age: 38  
Training: EMT-basic, LTC  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Keith, 3 children  
Place of employment: PW Stoelting  
Occupation: material planner

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Scott J. Bink

Rank: Chief  
Years in department: 21 Age: 39  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: Town of Forest  
Family status: married, 2 children  
Place of employment: Meyer Mechanical  
Occupation: steamfitter







ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chad Weber

Rank: 1st Asst. Chief  
Years in department: 23 Age: 43  
Training: fire-fighter I & II  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Sharon  
Place of employment: Bremer Manufacturing  
Occupation: Foundry Supervisor





ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPT/1ST RESPONDER

Jeff Horn

Rank: Firefighter/Captain/First Responder/2nd Asst. Chief  
Years in department: 19 Age: 37  
Training: firefighter I, first responder  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Jill, 3 children  
Place of employment: Badger Well Drilling  
Occupation: drillers asst.






ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nathan Mueller

Rank: Firefighter/Captain  
Years in department: 14 Age: 37  
Training: entry level  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Jennifer, 4 children  
Place of employment: Masters Gallery  
Occupation: sanitation







ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Sippel

Rank: Firefighter/Director/Captain  
Years in department: 16 Age: 36  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Mid States Aluminum







ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mark Fritz

Rank: President  
Years in department: 38 Age: 61  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Mary, 2 children  
Place of employment: Kohler Co.  
Occupation: pipefitter








ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert J. Sippel

Rank: Secretary  
Years in department: 38 Age: 60  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Deborah, 2 children  
Place of employment: D & D Carpentry Inc.  
Occupation: carpenter









ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tim (Bernie) Berenz

Rank: Treasurer  
Years in department: 41 Age: 60  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Cloud  
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Place of employment: Stenz Autobody  
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Rank: Firefighter/Director  
Years in department: 16 Age: 39  
Training: firefighter I, first responder  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Amanda, 3 children  
Place of employment: Oakfield Stone







ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joe Berenz

Rank: Firefighter, Director  
Years in department: 36 Age: 57  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Barb, 2 children  
Place of employment: Sargento Cheese  
Occupation: process technician







ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPT/1ST RESPONDER

Andy Horn

Rank: Safety Officer  
Years in department: 38 Age: 60  
Training: firefighter I, first responder, others  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Rose-ann, 2 children  
Place of employment: BCI Burke  
Occupation: warehouse forklift driver







ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Terry Butz

Rank: Safety Officer  
Years in department: 43 Age: 62  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Beth, 2 children  
Place of employment: St. Lawrence Seminary  
Occupation: laborer







ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Benji Bink

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 14 Age: 35  
Training: entry level  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Melissa, 2 children  
Place of employment: Kohler Co.  
Occupation: CAD design analyst






ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dick Boehnlein

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 21 Age: 52  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Ann, 3 children  
Place of employment: Bassett Mechanical  
Occupation: sheet metal







ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Diedrich

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 36 Age: 56  
Training: fire-fighter I, incident command  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Eileen, 4 children  
Place of employment: Mannenbach Mechanical  
Occupation: pipe fitter







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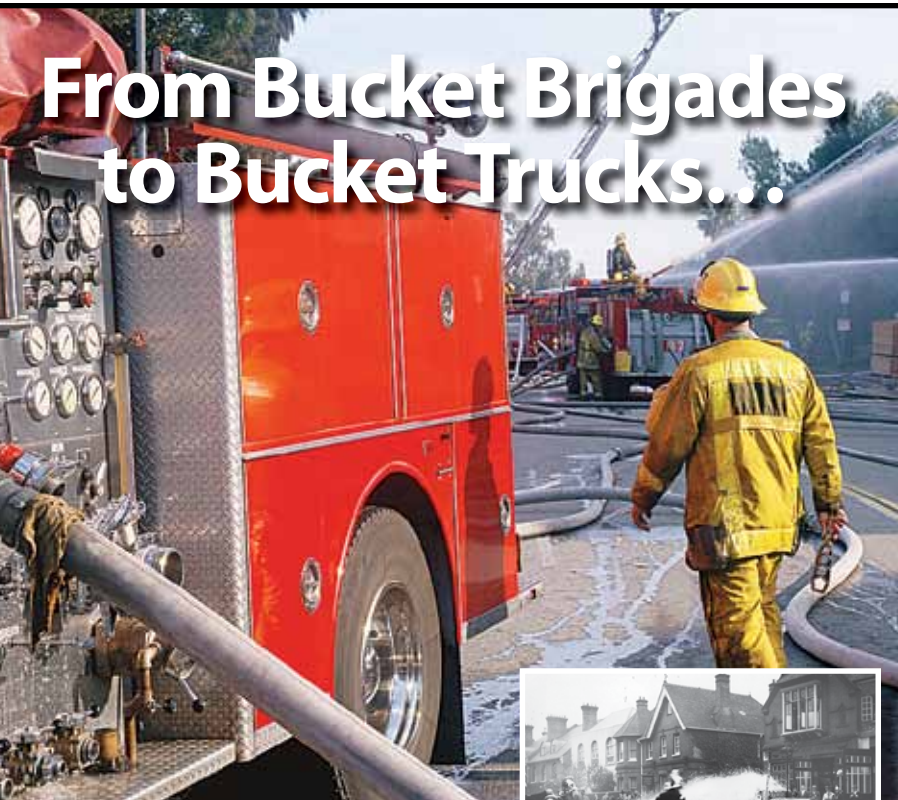
Peter Goeser


Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 29 Age: 64  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Cloud  
Family status: married to Chris, 2 children  
Place of employment: Feldner Chev  
Occupation: auto mechanic





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Rank: Firefighter (honorary active)


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Family status: married to Mary

Place of employ-ment: Village of St. Cloud

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Family status: married to Carrie, 3 children

Place of employ-ment: City of FDL

Occupation: truck driver



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Steve Preder

Rank: Firefighter


Years in department: 19 Age: 55

City of residence: St. Cloud

Family status: married to Carol, 2 children

Place of employ-ment: H&H Excavating

Occupation: fore-man, operator



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ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Matt Fritz

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 14 Age: 33


Training: entry level

Residence: St. Cloud

Family status: married to Shan-non

Place of employ-ment: Baker Cheese

Occupation: packager



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Ryan Steffen

Rank: Firefighter


Years in department: 9 Age: 27

Training: fire-fighter I

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Training: entry level 1/driver/op

City of residence: St. Cloud

Family status: married

Place of employ-ment: Land O'Lakes

Occupation: maintenance tech



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ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jared Berenz

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Years in department: 7 Age: 22

Training: fire-fighter

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Family status: single

Occupation: Burg Homes & Design



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Jenny Winkler

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 1 Age: 25

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City of residence: St. Cloud

Family status: single

Place of employ-ment: Buechel Stone

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ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dylan Entringer

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 25  
**Training:** entry level  
**City of residence:** Glenbeulah  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Buechel Stone  
**Occupation:** wellness intern



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Nathan Sippel

**Rank:** Firefighter/First Responder  
**Years in department:** 9 **Age:** 32  
**Training:** firefighter I, first responder  
**Residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** married  
**Place of employment:** Calumet County Highway  
**Occupation:** highway maintenance



ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Luke Laudolff

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 20  
**City of residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Rhode Brothers  
**Occupation:** plumber



ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alex Sippel

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 18  
**City of residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Meyer Plumbing



ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Schneider

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 25  
**Training:** entr level  
**City of residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Feldner Chevrolet & Marine  
**Occupation:** mechanic



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ST. CLOUD FIRE DEPT/1ST RESPONDER

Tyler Berenz

**Rank:** Firefighter/First Responder  
**Years in department:** 8 **Age:** 24  
**Training:** fire-fighter I, Hazmat Ops, EMT Basic  
**City of residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Meyer Plumbing  
**Occupation:** plumber



ST. CLOUD FIRST RESPONDERS

Chuck Quackenboss

**Rank:** First Responder  
**Age:** 49  
**Training:** first responder  
**City of residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** married to Christine, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** JF Ahern/ Mt. Calvary Ambulance



ST. CLOUD FIRST RESPONDERS

Jason Hoerth

**Rank:** First Responder  
**Years in department:** 5 **Age:** 31  
**City of residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** married to Becky  
**Place of employment:** New Holstein Middle School  
**Occupation:** physical education teacher

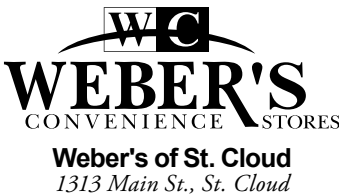


ST. CLOUD FIRST RESPONDERS

Becky Hoerth

**Rank:** First Responder  
**Years in department:** 1  
**City of residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** married to Jason

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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Josh Mertens

Rank: Chief  
Years in department: 15  
City of residence: Town of New Holstein  
Family status: married to Jessica, 3 children  
Place of employment: Park Farms





ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Travis Halfmann

Rank: 1st Asst. Chief  
Years in department: 15 Age: 40  
Training: entry level firefighter, jaws  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Heidi, 4 children  
Place of employment: Town of New Holstein  
Occupation: road supervisor







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Matt Winkel

Rank: 2nd Asst. Chief  
Years in department: 15 Age: 36  
Training: firefighter I & II, jaws, CPR  
City of residence: Town of New Holstein  
Family status: married to Natasha, 2 children  
Place of employment: Winkel's Highland Dairy Farms, LLC





ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fritz Heathman

Rank: Captain  
Years in department: 7 Age: 37  
Training: Fire-fighter I, Quality Engineer, propane emergency, first responder (NHFD)  
City of residence: St. Anna  
Family status: married to Corey, 2 children  
Place of employment: Amerequip  
Occupation: quality engineer







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Todd Witt

Rank: 1st Lieutenant/Secretary  
Years in department: 4 Age: 26  
Training: entry level I  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Place of employment: Amerequip







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Muehlbauer

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant  
Years in department: 7  
City of residence: Town of Russel  
Family status: married  
Place of employment: TSS Equipment







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bill Brede

Rank: Firefighter/President  
Years in department: 10 Age: 67  
City of residence: Town of Russel  
Family status: married to Donna, 5 children  
Occupation: retired







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Sabish

Rank: Firefighter/Treasurer  
Years in department: 13 Age: 47  
Training: fire-fighter I, CPR, Jaws, Hazmat, Incident Command  
City of residence: Town of Russel  
Family status: married to Sonya, 2 children





ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Steve Gross

Rank: Firefighter/Pump Operator  
Years in department: 22  
Training: Fire-fighter I, Jaws, CPR  
City of residence: St. Anna  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Winkel's Highland Dairy Farms, LLC







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert H. Thome

Rank: Pump Operator  
Years in department: 38 Age: 57  
Training: incid. com. systems, firefighter I, investigator, hazmat  
Village of residence: St. Anna  
Family status: married to Cheryl, 3 children  
Place of employment: St. Anna Garage & Auto Body







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gerard Clarke

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 23 Age: 66  
Training: Cert. firefighter I, Jaws  
City of residence: St. Anna  
Family status: Married to Nina, four children  
Occupation: carpenter





ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Adam Schuh

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 18 Age: 37  
Training: entry level 1 & 2, Hazmat, CPR, tactics, cert. firefighter I, Jaws  
City of residence: Town of New Holstein  
Family status: married to Kari, 3 children  
Place of employment: Rockline Industries, Inc.  
Occupation: project engineer





ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nick Brownson

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 6 Age: 29  
Training: firefighter I & II, Hazmat  
City of residence: Town of Russel  
Family status: married to Nadine







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gene Gross

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 36 Age: 67  
Training: driver/operator, Firefighter I & II, hazardous materials, Jaws training.  
City of residence: St. Anna  
Family status: Married to Pat, four children  
Place of employment: retired







ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Steven Prange

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 7 Age: 28  
Training: first aid, CPR  
City of residence: Town of New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Amerequip  
Occupation: welder






ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cory Henschel

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 5  
Training: fire-fighter I, Incident Command  
City of residence: St. Anna  
Family status: married to Rebecca, 2 children  
Place of employment: CD Smith  
Occupation: project manager









Quick thinking from neighbors and a speedy response from area firefighters helped avert a bigger disaster in June on Paine Street in Kiel. Firefighters were informed that smoke and flames were visible in the kitchen of the home, and that the occupants were reported to be out of the house. Mutual aid was summoned from Chilton, Elkhart Lake, New Holstein, and St. Anna to assist with containing the fire. Upon arrival at the scene moderate smoke was visible. The flames had been subdued by neighbors using fire extinguishers prior to the arrival of the first firefighting units. Fire damage was contained to the kitchen area of the home; however, smoke damage was present throughout the residence.

Mike Mathes photo

Thank you to all the area firefighters, first responders, EMTs, and others who answer the calls for help!

ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kyle Meyer

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 20  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: Chilton  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Stoelting

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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mark Winkel

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 7  
City of residence: St. Anna  
Family status: married, 2 children  
Place of employment: Winkel's Highland Dairy Farms, LLC  
Occupation: owner

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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Montana Mattie

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 19  
Training: fire-fighter I  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Mattie Auto Repair  
Occupation: mechanic

ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jacob Muehlbauer

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 4 Age: 21  
City of residence: St. Anna  
Family status: single

ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Craig E. Watson

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 44  
Training: firefighter I & II certification  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: single, 3 children  
Place of employment: Home Depot  
Occupation: freight handler

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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Josh Farrar

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 20  
City of residence: Town of Rhine  
Family status: single

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ST. ANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tanner Galeqzzi

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1  
City of residence: New Holstein  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Amerequip  
Occupation: manufacturing engineer

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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Schussman

**Rank:** Chief  
**Years in department:** 26 **Age:** 44  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, driver/operator, incident command systems & others  
**Residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** married to Laura, 5 children  
**Occupation:** dairy farmer



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bob Schmitz

**Rank:** Asst. Chief  
**Years in department:** 30 **Age:** 48  
**Training:** firefighter I  
**Residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** married, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Michels Corp.  
**Occupation:** Foreman



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jamie Brill

**Rank:** Asst Chief  
**Years in department:** 4 **Age:** 35  
**Training:** CPR, Firefighter I certified, Jaws, first aid  
**City of residence:** Marytown  
**Family status:** married to Heidi, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Amerequip  
**Occupation:** quality tech



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert Simon

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 21 **Age:** 51  
**Training:** firefighter I & II,  
**Residence:** Johnsburg  
**Family status:** married to Jan, 4 children  
**Place of employment:** Prairie Rock Farms Inc.  
**Occupation:** farmer



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John E. Jenkins

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 39 **Age:** 58  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, officer  
**Residence:** Pipe  
**Family status:** single, 2 children  
**Occupation:** retired



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Freund

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 36  
**Residence:** Town of Marshfield  
**Family status:** married to Tracy, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** BCI Burke  
**Occupation:** saw operator



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul Schmitz

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 20 **Age:** 46  
**Training:** firefighter I  
**Residence:** Johnsburg  
**Family status:** married to Rebecca, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Vogel Chev-Olds  
**Occupation:** autobody technician



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**Chevrolet**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Radandt

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 38  
**Training:** firefighter I, defib, others  
**Residence:** Town of Calumet  
**Family status:** married to Stephanie, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** G&H Trucking  
**Occupation:** truck driver



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tim Horsch

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 7 **Age:** 27  
**Training:** entry level firefighter I & II, firefighter I state certified  
**City of residence:** New Holstein  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Horsch Farms, LLC and Gellings Implement  
**Occupation:** semi driver and herdsman



**Pat's Tire**  
**Sales & Service, Inc.**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Scheer

**Rank:** Lieutenant/1st Responder  
**Years in department:** 22 **Age:** 44  
**Training:** firefighter II, EMT-paramedic  
**Residence:** Pipe  
**Family status:** married to Wendy, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Gold Cross Ambulance  
**Occupation:** EMT-Paramedic



**Riverview**  
**Restaurant**

TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ken Haensgen

**Rank:** Firefighter/Inspector - State Certified  
**Years in department:** 34 **Age:** 53  
**Training:** firefighter I, first responder, D-Fib.  
**Residence:** Pipe  
**Family status:** married to Vicki, 3 children



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Guelig

**Rank:** Engineer  
**Years in department:** 31 **Age:** 59  
**Training:** firefighter I & II  
**Residence:** Johnsburg  
**Family status:** married to Brenda, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Canadian National Railroad  
**Occupation:** mechanic



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Ben Burlingham

**Rank:** Engineer  
**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 37  
**Training:** entry level  
**Residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** married, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** Bremer Manufacturing  
**Occupation:** furnace tender



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Arlyn Merten

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 26 **Age:** 45  
**Residence:** Johnsburg  
**Family status:** single



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Casper

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 39 **Age:** 57  
**Training:** firefighter I  
**Residence:** Pipe  
**Family status:** married  
**Place of employment:** CD Smith Construction  
**Occupation:** superintendent



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Ziegelbauer

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 13 **Age:** 33  
**Residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Ahern  
**Occupation:** Fad Shop



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TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Tom Horsch**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 40 **Age:** 62  
**Training:** fire-fighter I & II,  
**Residence:** Mary-town  
**Family status:** married, 3 chil-dren  
**Occupation:** farmer



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Brian Schmitz**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 31 **Age:** 54  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, arson officer  
**Residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employ-ment:** Schmitz Well & Pump  
**Occupation:** well serviceman



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Robert Steffes**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 11 **Age:** 33  
**Training:** entry level firefighter I & II  
**City of residence:** St. Peter  
**Family status:** married  
**Place of employ-ment:** Grande Cheese  
**Occupation:** truck driver



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Matthew Guelig**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 10 **Age:** 29  
**City of residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employ-ment:** Muza Sheet Metal  
**Occupation:** sheet metal apprentice



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Joshua Sabel**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 9 **Age:** 28  
**Training:** fire-fighter I & II  
**City of residence:** Marytown  
**Family status:** married  
**Place of employ-ment:** S&S Dairy Farm  
**Occupation:** farm manager



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Nick Brownson**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 8 **Age:** 30  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, Hazmat tech, 1st responder, CPR  
**City of residence:** St. Anna  
**Family status:** married to Na-dine, 4 children  
**Place of employment:** Town of New Holstein  
**Occupation:** road supervisor



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**David Nett**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 9 **Age:** 39  
**Training:** entry level firefighter  
**City of residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** married to Carie, 2 children  
**Place of employ-ment:** Altmeyer Electric  
**Occupation:** electrician



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Jason Mueller**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 9 **Age:** 35  
**Training:** entry level  
**City of residence:** Pipe  
**Family status:** married to An-drea, 1 child  
**Place of employ-ment:** Kaytee



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Shaun Buechel**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 5 **Age:** 25  
**Training:** entry level firefighter A&B, FDL Cty RIT  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employ-ment:** Buechel Stone  
**Occupation:** heavy equipment opera-tor



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Kyle Meyer**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 20  
**Training:** fire-fighter I  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employ-ment:** Stoelting



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Al Schmitz**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 32  
**Training:** fire-fighter I  
**City of residence:** Pipe  
**Family status:** married  
**Place of employ-ment:** Kohler Co.



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Austin Schussman**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 18  
**Training:** cert 1  
**City of residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of em-ployment:** Milk Specialties  
**Occupation:** bagger



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Leslie Mier, Jr.**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 37  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** mar-ried to Amanda, 2 children  
**Place of employ-ment:** Windwalker  
**Occupation:** ship-ping & receiving



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Phillip Freund**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 27  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I (A,B)  
**City of residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employ-ment:** Baker Cheese



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Alex Secord**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 21  
**Training:** cert 1  
**City of residence:** Johnsburg  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employ-ment:** Town of Calumet Recy-cling Center  
**Occupation:** student



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Zach VandeKolk**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 28  
**Training:** fire-fighter A&B, FDL Cty RIT  
**City of residence:** Pipe  
**Family status:** married to Lind-sey  
**Place of employ-ment:** Web Leads Inc.  
**Occupation:** Business Development Manager/Sales









TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Holly Freund

**Rank:** EMT/First Responder  
**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 45  
**Training:** EMT-basic  
**Residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** married to Dennis, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** AALR  
**Occupation:** nursing clerk



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred Meyer

**Rank:** Chief  
**Years in department:** 24 **Age:** 54  
**Residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** Married to Cindy, 5 children  
**Place of employment:** Zimmer Funeral Home  
**Occupation:** maintenance



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Kirsch

**Rank:** Asst. Chief  
**Years in department:** 31 **Age:** 52  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I  
**Residence:** Town of Herman  
**Family status:** Married to Deb, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** self-employed  
**Occupation:** Farmer



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

David Scheibl

**Rank:** Asst. Chief  
**Years in department:** 7 **Age:** 54  
**Training:** fire-fighter II, EMT-B  
**City of residence:** Kiel  
**Family status:** married  
**Place of employment:** Curt G. Joa



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Wirtz

**Rank:** First Responder/EMT  
**Years in department:** 13 **Age:** 58  
**Training:** First responder  
**Residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** married to Ellen, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Wirtz Bros. Construction  
**Occupation:** owner



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

David Voss

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 18 **Age:** 38  
**Training:** Entry Level, Firefighter I & II, State Certified I  
**Residence:** Elkhart Lake  
**Family status:** married to Rachel, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** CNH Industrial  
**Occupation:** Machinist



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Gries

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 53  
**Training:** fire-fighter 2  
**City of residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** married to Theresa, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Quality State  
**Occupation:** bulk petroleum delivery



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Terry Spindler

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 13 **Age:** 48  
**Training:** Entry Level I & II  
**Residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** Married to Faye, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Spindler Farms  
**Occupation:** Farmer



TN OF CALUMET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ellen Wirtz

**Rank:** First Responder  
**Years in department:** 13 **Age:** 58  
**Training:** First responder  
**Residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** married to Michael, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Consultants Laboratory of Wisconsin  
**Occupation:** medical technologist



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Eckardt

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 33 **Age:** 54  
**Training:** Fire-fighter, adult CPR  
**Residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** Married to Lisa, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** CNH Industrial  
**Occupation:** assembly tech



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Matt Horst

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 31  
**Training:** entry firefighter I & II  
**City of residence:** Kiel  
**Family status:** married to Shana  
**Place of employment:** CNH Industrial  
**Occupation:** team leader



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bonnie Polster

**Rank:** Firefighter/Safety Officer  
**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 49  
**Training:** entry firefighter I & II, CPR  
**City of residence:** St. Anna  
**Family status:** single



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ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeremy Bitter

**Rank:** Safety Officer  
**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 29  
**Training:** Entry Level I & II, State #1  
**Residence:** Elkhart Lake  
**Family status:** married to Jenny  
**Place of employment:** JB Carpentry (self-employed)  
**Occupation:** Carpenter



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dennis Grunewald

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 41 **Age:** 66  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I  
**City of residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** widowed, 2 children  
**Occupation:** self-employed, Grunewald floor installation



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Carl W. Johnson

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 47 **Age:** 78  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I  
**Residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** Married to Marjorie, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** retired





# NFPA announces creation of policy group

Citing the need to have an arm's length view on policy issues that impact fire, life, and electrical safety, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced last month the launch of the NFPA Fire & Life Safety Policy Institute.

The Policy Institute will study a range of issues and provide guidance and information to policymakers on the best approaches governments can take to improve safety for the citizens they serve.

"We have made tremendous progress in reducing loss from fire since NFPA's inception, but we are painfully reminded every day that there is more to be done," NFPA President Jim Pauley said.

According to NFPA, in 2016 U.S. fire

departments responded to a fire every 24 seconds; one structure fire was reported every 60 seconds. While the number of civilian fire deaths in the U.S. has decreased by 54 percent from 7,395 in 1977 to 3,390 in 2016, fire still claimed nine lives a day and caused almost \$11 billion in direct property damage.

NFPA President Jim Pauley explains how the institute will help elected officials understand and navigate these issues through analysis and recommended policy approaches designed to protect citizens.

There have been recent situations where some combination of code adoption, enforcement, and awareness efforts were woefully inadequate for one reason

or another, resulting in tragedy. These include the Oakland Ghost Ship fire, which killed 36 people; the London Grenfell apartment fire, which took the lives of nearly 80 people; and a number of recent fires in buildings under construction.

"It takes a full fire prevention and protection system to reduce loss, and either intentionally or unintentionally that system has been broken. And the public, who believes this system exists and relies on it, has been let down," Pauley said. "We can do better."

Pauley said policymakers are key to reducing loss from fire and other hazards, and the purpose of the NFPA Fire & Life Safety Policy Institute is to help keep their communities safe.

ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Carl Maeuser

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 48 **Age:** 78  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I, CPR certified  
**Residence:** Town of Herman  
**Family status:** Widowed, 3 children  
**Occupation:** Farmer



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kyle Heim

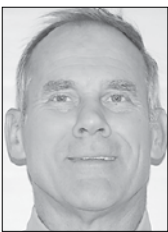
**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 30  
**Training:** entry firefighter I & II  
**City of residence:** Howards Grove  
**Family status:** married to Stephanie, one child  
**Place of employment:** Heim Plumbing  
**Occupation:** plumber



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gary Mueller

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 28 **Age:** 65  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I  
**Residence:** Town of Meeme  
**Family status:** Married to Sharon, 4 children  
**Place of employment:** Tri-County  
**Occupation:** Mechanic



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Mueller

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 18 **Age:** 39  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I  
**Residence:** Newton  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Riesterer & Schnell  
**Occupation:** Mechanic



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kelly Johnson

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 29 **Age:** 47  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I, Adult CPR  
**Residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Vogel Chevrolet  
**Occupation:** Sales



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Arthur Meyer

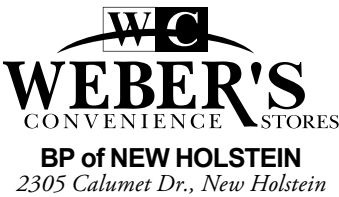
**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 18  
**Training:** entry level A & B  
**City of residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Faith Technologies  
**Occupation:** electrician



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stanley Bassuener

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 5 **Age:** 37  
**City of residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** married, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Sargento



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred Meyer

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 20  
**Training:** en-rolled LTC  
**City of residence:** Ada  
**Family status:** single  
**Occupation:** student



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott Kafka

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 21  
**Training:** en-rolled at LTC  
**City of residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Land O' Lakes  
**Occupation:** general laborer



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gavin Roelse

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 18  
**City of residence:** Sheboygan  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Roth's Auto Restoration  
**Occupation:** fire medic



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jordan Puchalla

**Rank:** Firefighter I  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 20  
**City of residence:** Kiel  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Blue Harbor  
**Occupation:** sauté cook



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeremy Ladwig

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 3  
**City of residence:** Newton  
**Family status:** married



ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bill Luebke

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 41  
**City of residence:** Howards Grove  
**Family status:** single, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Gibbsville Implement  
**Occupation:** service technician





# New way of fighting fires

## Cleveland's rapid response more than truck, gear

By Mark Sherry

It is not just the shiny, new pick-up truck or the equipment in it which makes the Cleveland Fire Department's rapid response vehicle a new way to fight fires—it is the philosophy behind how the truck is staffed and used.

Captain Kevin Jacky of the department said there is a slowly growing movement in firefighting toward the rapid response vehicles. The Middleton Fire Department near Madison had adopted the rapid response philosophy and shared its knowledge and experiences at a fire conference attended by members of the Cleveland department.

While all fire departments respond as quickly as they can to fire scenes, of course, the departments which are adopting the rapid response philosophy take that to the next level. Instead of waiting for enough volunteers to get to the fire station to fill a larger vehicle, the first person who gets to the Cleveland Fire Station hops in the new rapid response pick-up and heads to the scene. Fire experts say that fires can double in size every minute. In addition to not having to wait for multiple firefighters to arrive at the station, the rapid response vehicle saves precious minutes by being smaller and faster than bigger fire trucks. It can get into places that larger trucks cannot, including closer to the source of the fire in some instances.

While a single firefighter arriving first on the scene cannot enter a burning structure by himself or herself, Jacky said they can apply water to the fire through a window or door from the exterior of the building. The truck carries its own water and has new technology in the hose system to break up the water droplets more and fully use each gallon of water. Jacky said the system is more effective in extinguishing flames without causing as much water damage. He added that a firefighter does not even need to be in the same room as the flames as the pressure differences caused by fire can sometimes carry the spray from this system into the next room.

Jacky said the truck cost around \$65,000—a fraction of what larger fire trucks cost—and a matching Department of Natural Resources grant covered half the cost. The Cleveland Fire Department acquired the truck in April and, thankfully, has only had to use it so far on a couple brush fires and an incident in



Captain Kevin Jacky of the Cleveland Fire Department stands behind the 2017 Ford F350 which the department has acquired and outfitted with special equipment to make it a rapid response vehicle.

Mark Sherry photos

which some feed caught on fire.

The Kohler Company donated the engine which powers the pump system. There is 200 feet of hose on the vehicle and two breathing apparatuses. The vehicle can carry a total of four people.

The unit in the back of the pick-up cost around \$20,000 or less, Jacky said, and can be custom made for different vehicles including utility or all-terrain vehicles. The Middleton Fire Department has four of the rapid response vehicles, and Jacky said they can surround a structure in a short amount of time by using all four of them.

Another possible advantage of this type of vehicle, he said, would be to locate them in more remote parts of a fire district. Most volunteer fire departments in this area cover broad rural areas,



and several of these vehicles kept with firefighters in various corners of those districts could greatly reduce response times and possibly save more structures and lives. Jacky said he would gladly talk

with any area departments which want to see the rapid response vehicle in action. The 20-year veteran of the Cleveland Fire Department can be reached by calling 1-920-901-2100.

CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tony Meyer

Rank: Chief

Years in department: 17 Age: 35

Training: Fire-fighter Level I & II, EMT-B

Residence: Center-ville

Family status: Married to Lydia

Place of employ-ment: Meyer Mechanical

Occupation: Steamfitter

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CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Keith Grupe

Rank: 1st Asst. Chief

Years in department: 35 Age: 57

Training: Fire-fighter II, First Responder

Residence: Cen-terville

Family status: Married to Karen, 4 children

Place of employment: Thrivent Financial

Occupation: Financial Consultant

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Cliff Henning

Rank: 2nd Asst. Chief, Firefighter, First Responder

Years in depart-ment: 12 Age: 50

Training: fire-fighter I, EMT

City of residence: Cleveland

Family status: single

Place of employ-ment: Whistling Straits Golf Course, Kohler Co.

Occupation: head equipment me-chanic

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CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Roeck

Rank: Captain

Years in department: 23 Age: 54

Training: Fire-fighter I

Residence: Clevel-land

Family status: Married to Cyn-thia, 1 child

Place of employ-ment: Stoelting

Occupation: service technician

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CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Jacky

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 20 **Age:** 39  
**Training:** Fire-fighter II  
**Residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** married to Katie, 4 children  
**Place of employment:** Whistling Straits/Kohler Co.  
**Occupation:** operator/mechanic







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Bruckschen

**Rank:** Firefighter, First Responder, Captain  
**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 30  
**Training:** firefighter I, first responder  
**City of residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** married to Caryn, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Sixel & Schwinn, Inc.  
**Occupation:** electrician







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Andy Herr

**Rank:** Firefighter, Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 34  
**Training:** Entry Level I & II, State I  
**Residence:** Meeme  
**Family status:** married  
**Place of employment:** Herr Lane Dairy Farm, Circle B Bison  
**Occupation:** Farmer





CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dean Vogel

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 18 **Age:** 40  
**Training:** Entry Level Firefighter I & II  
**Residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** Married to Jessica, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** JF Ahern Fire & Mechanical Protection  
**Occupation:** HVACR service tech





CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stephanie Jaeger

**Rank:** First Responder, Lieutenant, Secretary  
**Years in department:** 7  
**Training:** first responder  
**City of residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** married to Adam, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** Aurora Howards Grove Clinic  
**Occupation:** certified medical assistant





CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Adam Jaeger

**Rank:** Lieutenant, First Responder  
**Years in department:** 12 **Age:** 30  
**Training:** firefighter I, state certified I, first responder  
**City of residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** married to Stephanie, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** Jaeger Farms  
**Occupation:** farmer

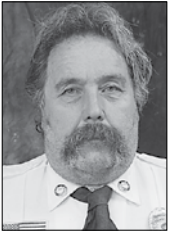





CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Marvin Mueller

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 40 **Age:** 61  
**Training:** Officer I  
**Residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** Married to Ann, 8 children  
**Occupation:** Self employed farmer







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gerald Herr

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 34 **Age:** 63  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I & II  
**Residence:** Meeme  
**Family status:** Married to Lois, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Herr Lane Dairy Farm  
**Occupation:** Farmer







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Diefenthaler

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 47  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I  
**Residence:** Newton  
**Family status:** married to Lori  
**Place of employment:** Bemis Manufacturing  
**Occupation:** Electrician





CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dave A. Strysick

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 51  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I  
**Residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** Married to Jan, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Bemis Manufacturing  
**Occupation:** Set-up technician





CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Russell Hickmann

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 18 **Age:** 35  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I & II  
**Residence:** Centerville  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Valdres Heating and Cooling, LLC  
**Occupation:** owner







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Kelm

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 23 **Age:** 57  
**Training:** Entry Level Firefighter, First Responder  
**Residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** Married to Dawn, 4 children  
**Place of employment:** Polyfab Corporation  
**Occupation:** molding technician







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ron Zastrow

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 27 **Age:** 49  
**Training:** Fire-fighter instructor  
**Residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** Married to Dawn, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Aristo & LTC  
**Occupation:** general manager, adjunct fire instructor II







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Nick Pahl

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 14 **Age:** 37  
**Training:** fire-fighter I  
**City of residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** married to Crystal







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gary G. VanDeLoo

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 47 **Age:** 68  
**Training:** Certified fire officer I  
**Residence:** Cleveland  
**Family status:** Married to Ellen, 1 child  
**Occupation:** retired







CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Mueller

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 26 **Age:** 46  
**Training:** Fire-fighter I & II  
**Residence:** Newton  
**Family status:** Married to Kelly, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** R. P. Jost  
**Occupation:** Electrician











# NFPA urges home occupants to have 2 ways out

Knowing that today's homes burn faster than ever, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out" as the official theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, Oct. 8-14.

Experts say you may have as little as two minutes (or even less) to safely escape a typical home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

"Modern home furnishings, along with the fact that newer homes tend to be built with more open spaces and unprotected lightweight construction, all contribute to an increased rate at which home fires burn," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "These factors make home

escape planning and practice critical."

Meanwhile, a national survey recently conducted by NFPA shows that Americans continue to have many misperceptions around home escape planning and practice:

- Less than half of Americans (48 percent) know that the correct components of a home fire escape plan include working smoke alarms, two ways out of each room, and an outside meeting place.
- Nearly one quarter of Americans (23 percent) do not know that each room in the home should have at least two exits.
- Close to three in five Americans (57 percent) think that in a typical single-family home fire situation, once the

smoke alarm sounds, the average person would have more than two minutes to escape safely.

"Home is the place people are at greatest risk of fire, but ironically it's the place they feel safest from it," Carli said. "That over-confidence may contribute to the public's continued lack of awareness around home escape planning and practice."

"Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out" works to teach people about the true speed at which today's home fires can spread, and the vital importance of home escape planning and practice in the event of one. A home escape plan includes:

- working smoke alarms on every

level of the home, in every bedroom and near all sleeping areas;

- two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window; and
- a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that is a safe distance from the home.

Home escape plans should be practiced by all members of the household twice a year.

"In a fire situation, a practiced home escape plan ensures that everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds and how to use that time wisely," Carli said.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's campaign, "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out," visit [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).

CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Jackett

Rank: First Responder  
Years in department: 19 Age: 55  
Training: EMT-Basic  
Family status: Married to Jeff, 1 child  
Place of employment: Sheboygan County  
Occupation: Child support specialist







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eric Keller

Rank: Chief, Firefighter, Engineer  
Years in department: 17 Age: 39  
Training: Fireman 1 & 2  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: Single, 1 child  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fred Reindl

Rank: Assistant Chief  
Years in department: 39 Age: 59  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Janice, 2 children  
Place of employment: Reindl Plumbing  
Occupation: plumbing contractor







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Kaufmann

Rank: Asst. Chief  
Years in department: 16 Age: 34  
Training: fire-fighter I & II  
Residence: Newton  
Family status: married to Bridget, 2 children  
Place of employment: Mike Kaufmann Custom Services, LLC





CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dawn M. Kelm

Rank: First Responder  
Years in department: 19 Age: 56  
Training: First Responder  
Residence: Cleveland  
Family status: Married to Brian, 4 children  
Occupation: retired







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Philip Plagemann

Rank: Captain, Firefighter, training officer  
Years in department: 13 Age: 31  
Training: fire-fighter entry level I & II, RIT (rapid intervention team) & trench rescue, grain bin rescue  
City of residence: Kiel  
Family status: Married to Jackie  
Place of employment: Kohler







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dennis Waniger

Rank: Firefighter, Captain, driver  
Years in department: 19 Age: 50  
Residence: Valders  
Family status: married to Jane, 2 children  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial  
Occupation: laborer







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Schad

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant  
Years in department: 20 Age: 45  
Training: fire-fighter I & II  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Sherri  
Place of employment: Valders Public Schools  
Occupation: maintenance engineer





CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dawn Zastrow

Rank: First Responder  
Years in department: 24 Age: 48  
Training: First responder De-fibrillator  
Residence: Cleveland  
Family status: Married to Ron, 2 children  
Place of employment: Bemis Manufacturing and LTC  
Occupation: documentation/compliance administrator and adjunct EMS instructor







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ray Mrotek

Rank: Firefighter/ Lieutenant  
Years in department: 32 Age: 63  
Training: fire-fighter I  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Danielle, 2 children







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Herman Waniger

Rank: Captain, Engineer  
Years in department: 39 Age: 59  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Patty, 4 children  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial





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If you think you might have the time and ability to help your local volunteer fire department, first responders or assist one of the local ambulance services, please contact one of the leaders of those organizations featured here to see if they could use another member now or in the future.



ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul Litz

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer, Lieutenant  
Years in department: 17 Age: 51  
Training: paramedic, firefighter I  
City of residence: Town of Eaton  
Family status: married to Karen, 3 children  
Place of employment: Self-Employed  
Occupation: truck driver



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Kraig Binversie

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer, Fire Inspector  
Years in department: 18 Age: 36  
Training: firefighter I & II, firefighter I state certified, fire inspector  
Residence: Town of Schleswig  
Family status: married to Mary, 2 children  
Place of employment: Dairyland Seed  
Occupation: Dairyland Seed dealer




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Paul Plagemann

Rank: Engineer, Firefighter  
Years in department: 28 Age: 55  
Training: firefighter I  
Residence: Kiel  
Family status: married to Karen, 3 children  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial




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Jerry Schneider

Rank: First Responder driver, Firefighter, Engineer  
Years in department: 23 Age: 53  
Training: firefighter I & II, fire inspector  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Tammy, 2 children  
Place of employment: Spancrete  
Occupation: foreman




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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Richard Galien

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer  
Years in department: 20 Age: 54  
Training: firefighter I & II  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Julie, 2 children  
Place of employment: Country Visions Co-op



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Mary Zipperer

Rank: Secretary, training officer  
Years in department: 17 Age: 39  
Training: medical first responder, AEMT  
Residence: Town of Liberty  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: D'Loryan Llamas, LLC  
Occupation: owner




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Jon Lenz

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer,  
Years in department: 13  
Family status: married to Naomi, 3 children  
Place of employment: Spancrete



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Jeff Maurer

Rank: Firefighter, Engineer  
Years in department: 26 Age: 49  
Training: firefighter I  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: St. Nazianz Milling  
Occupation: driver




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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Greg Gries

Rank: Training Officer  
Years in department: 17 Age: 50  
Training: medical first responder, AEMT  
Residence: Town of Liberty  
Family status: single, 3 children  
Place of employment: Libertyland Farms



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Kayla Schneider

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 3 Age: 21  
Training: firefighter A&B  
City of residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Kiel Vet Clinic  
Occupation: large/small animal vet assistant




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Justin Kurtz

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 8  
Training: fire-fighter I & II  
Family status: married to Laura  
Place of employment: Drexel Building Supply





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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Schneider

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 8 Age: 36  
Training: firefighter I & II certified  
City of residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Cheri, 2 children  
Place of employment: Mekco, a division of Concept Works  
Occupation: engineer







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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jon Schad

Rank: Firefighter, driver  
Years in department: 19 Age: 45  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Cathy  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial  
Occupation: Nitro assemble department





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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Richard Bingham

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 12 Age: 61  
Training: 9 yrs. firefighter & first responder experience elsewhere  
City of residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Kristen, 3 children  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial  
Occupation: shipping/receiving



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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kristen Buchanan

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 3 Age: 22  
City of residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Paragon Community Services, Buchanan Woodcrafting





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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peggy Tyson

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 38  
Training: fire-fighter A & B certified  
City of residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Paul, 2 children  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial  
Occupation: administrative specialist







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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tom Blaul

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 2 Age: 27  
Training: fire-fighter 1 & 2  
City of residence: Meeme  
Family status: married to Jenny, 1 child  
Place of employment: Baileigh Industrial  
Occupation: service & parts coordinator







ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chad Plagemann

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 3 Age: 28  
Training: entry part A&B, Hazmat  
City of residence: Manitowoc  
Family status: married to Amy  
Place of employment: Kohler  
Occupation: engineering technician





ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brak Okos

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1 Age: 25  
City of residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: single, 2 children  
Place of employment: Spancrete  
Occupation: concrete laborer





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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Shawn Mangan

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 2 Age: 30  
Training: fire-fighter I & II  
City of residence: School Hill  
Family status: married to Stephany, 1 child  
Place of employment: Eissens & Haasl Financial Group, LLC  
Occupation: financial advisor





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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jason Murley

Rank: Firefighter  
Years in department: 1st Age: 24  
Training: entry level part A & B  
City of residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: CNH Industrial  
Occupation: painter



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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lori Krueger

Rank: Chief, EMS, Medical First Responder  
Years in department: 19 Age: 57  
Training: first responder, paramedic, PALS, ACLS, PHTLS  
Residence: Town of Liberty  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Manitowoc County Joint Dispatch Center  
Occupation: 911 Dispatcher






ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott Woepse

Rank: Medical First Responder, Asst. EMS Chief  
Years in department: 25 Age: 53  
Training: medical first responder  
Residence: Town of Meeme  
Family status: married to Beth Ann, 5 children  
Place of employment: Northstar Select Sires  
Occupation: A.I. technician





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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tammy Schneider

Rank: Medical First Responder  
Years in department: 18 Age: 48  
Training: medical first responder  
Residence: St. Nazianz  
Family status: married to Jerry, 2 children  
Place of employment: Just Orthodontics





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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peggy Raether

Rank: Medical First Responder  
Years in department: 8  
Training: medical first responder  
City of residence: Town of Eaton  
Family status: 2 children  
Place of employment: Kohler





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ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rose Lindemann

Rank: Medical First Responder  
Years in department: 2 Age: 24  
Training: EMT-Basic, First Responder  
City of residence: Sheboygan  
Family status: single  
Place of employment: Nemak, Valder's Ambulance  
Occupation: special needs caregiver, EMT basic





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**MT. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Gregory P. Mueller**

**Rank:** Chief  
**Years in department:** 27 **Age:** 50  
**Training:** fire-fighter I/inspector/officer  
**Residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** married to Mary Beth, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Badger Well Drilling  
**Occupation:** well drilling



**MT. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Jeff Birschbach**

**Rank:** 1st Asst. Chief  
**Years in department:** 37 **Age:** 60  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, officers training  
**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** married to Denise, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** St. Lawrence Seminary  
**Occupation:** carpenter



**MT. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Doug Thome**

**Rank:** 2nd Asst. Chief  
**Years in department:** 37 **Age:** 55  
**Training:** arson investigator, officers training  
**Residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** married to Karen, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** C.D. Smith  
**Occupation:** field superintendent



**MT. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Scott Sabel**

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 10 **Age:** 34  
**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Ken Sabel Carpentry  
**Occupation:** carpenter



**MT. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Jef Burg**

**Rank:** Captain  
**Years in department:** 27 **Age:** 47  
**Training:** fire-fighter I  
**City of residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** married to Jodie, 1 child  
**Place of employment:** State of Wisconsin  
**Occupation:** officer



**MT. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Brian King**

**Rank:** LT  
**Years in department:** 5 **Age:** 42  
**Training:** RIT certified  
**City of residence:** Fond du Lac  
**Family status:** married to Amy, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Rhode Brothers, Inc.  
**Occupation:** steam fitter



**MT. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Scott Schaefer**

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 16 **Age:** 46  
**Training:** firefighter I & II, RIT  
**Residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** married, 3 children  
**Place of employment:** Metalcraft of Mayville  
**Occupation:** accountant



**MT. CALVARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Bob Sabel**

**Rank:** Lieutenant  
**Years in department:** 10 **Age:** 31  
**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Ken Sabel Carpentry  
**Occupation:** carpenter



**ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Fred A. Koeppen**

**Rank:** 1st Responder Driver  
**Years in department:** 49 **Age:** 66  
**Residence:** St. Nazianz  
**Family status:** married to Mary Jo, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Koeppen Hardware  
**Occupation:** owner



**CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL**

**Kent Katalinick**

**Rank:** Lead Paramedic  
**Years in department:** 19 **Age:** 57  
**Training:** paramedic, army medic  
**City of residence:** Chilton  
**Family status:** married to Patricia, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance  
**Occupation:** paramedic



**CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL**

**Bob Schultz**

**Rank:** Paramedic  
**Years in department:** 17 **Age:** 47  
**Training:** paramedic  
**City of residence:** Fond du Lac  
**Family status:** married  
**Place of employment:** Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance  
**Occupation:** paramedic



**CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL**

**Richard Isely, Jr.**

**Rank:** Paramedic  
**Years in department:** 28 **Age:** 59  
**Training:** paramedic, ACLS, BTLs, PALS  
**City of residence:** Kiel  
**Family status:** married to Barb, 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Gold Cross Ambulance  
**Occupation:** Paramedic



**ST. NAZIANZ FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Mary Jo Koeppen**

**Rank:** First Responder driver  
**Years in department:** 41 **Age:** 62  
**Training:** first responder-D  
**Residence:** St. Nazianz  
**Family status:** married to Fred A., 2 children  
**Place of employment:** Koeppen Hdw & Forget Me Not Flowers by M J  
**Occupation:** floral designer, owner



**CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL**

**Adam Marx**

**Rank:** Paramedic  
**Years in department:** 6 **Age:** 30  
**Training:** paramedic ACLS, ITLS, PALS  
**Place of employment:** Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance  
**Occupation:** paramedic



**CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL**

**Shane Hughes**

**Rank:** Paramedic  
**Years in department:** 20  
**Training:** CC-EMT-P, ACLS, ITLS, BLS  
**Place of employment:** Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance  
**Occupation:** paramedic



**CMC AMBULANCE PERSONNEL**

**Brad Ruesch**

**Rank:** Paramedic  
**Years in department:** 3  
**Training:** ACLS, PALS, ITLS, CC-EMT-P  
**Place of employment:** Calumet Medical Center/Gold Cross Ambulance  
**Occupation:** critical care paramedic





Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Paul Petrie

Rank: President

Years in department: 42 Age: 63

Training: fire-fighter I & II

City of residence: St. Cloud

Family status: married to Sue, 2 children

Place of employment: Badger Well Drilling

Occupation: office manager



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Don Schmitz

Rank: Firefighter/Vice President/Safety Officer

Years in department: 24 Age: 59


Training: fire-fighter I

Residence: Town of Marshfield

Family status: married to Lynn, 2 children

Place of employment: Stodola-Maas Construction

Occupation: mason



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Kevin Schaefer

Rank: Treasurer

Years in department: 19 Age: 45

Training: fire-fighter I & II, RIT

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Lisa, 2 children

Place of employment: Michels Corporation

Occupation: director of supply chain



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Jeff Kaiser

Rank: Director

Years in department: 25 Age: 50


Training: firefighter I

Residence: Malone

Family status: married to Sara, 2 children

Place of employment: Kohler Co.

Occupation: ATL operator



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Nathan Kaiser

Rank: Firefighter


Years in department: 3 Age: 21

Training: entry level firefighter

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Occupation: student



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Brian D. Stark

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 22 Age: 63


Training: fire-fighter II

Residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Janet, 2 children

Place of employment: Kohler Co.

Occupation: caster



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Kevin Sesing

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 21 Age: 42


Training: fire-fighter I

Residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Place of employment: Andrew Excavation

Occupation: operator



Dan's Towing

Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Keith A. Abler

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 18 Age: 41


Training: firefighter I & II, driver/operator

Residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married

Place of employment: Ziegelbauer HVAC

Occupation: Journeyman sheet metal worker



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Brian Haensgen

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 16 Age: 39

Training: fire-fighter I & II

Residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Michelle, 2 children

Place of employment: C.D. Smith Construction

Occupation: carpenter



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Phillip Schmitz

Rank: Firefighter


Years in department: 6 Age: 28

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Place of employment: Bremer Manufacturing

Occupation: metal pourer



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department


Derrick Stark

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 7

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Paul Strebe

Rank: Firefighter


Years in department: 1st Age: 37

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Myra

Place of employment: JF Ahren

Occupation: truck driver



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Cody Thome

Rank: Firefighter


Years in department: 6 Age: 24

Training: entry level firefighter

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Occupation: student



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Brian Schaefer


Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 6

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Occupation: farmer



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Joseph Brenner

Rank: Firefighter


Years in department: 5 Age: 36

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Leah, 3 children

Place of employment: JF Ahern

Occupation: plumber



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Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Alex Thelen

Rank: Firefighter

Years in department: 3 Age: 21


Training: State Certified I

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Place of employment: Perron

Occupation: mechanic





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**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Josh Schneider**


**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 20  
**Training:** entry I & II  
**City of residence:** St. Peter  
**Place of employment:** Holiday Automotive



**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Josh Burg**



**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 19  
**Training:** entry level firefighter A & B  
**City of residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** single  
**Occupation:** student



**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Cory Thome**


**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 1st **Age:** 22  
**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** New Holstein Police Department  
**Occupation:** police officer



**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**James Brei**



**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 30  
**Training:** 10 yrs. fire service with Jackson Fire Dept.  
**City of residence:** St. Cloud  
**Family status:** married to Kristin  
**Place of employment:** Quality Removal  
**Occupation:** waste hauler



**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Quinn Kaiser**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 21  
**Training:** entry level A & B, driver/operator, firefighter 1  
**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** single  
**Occupation:** student



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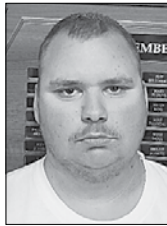
**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 22  
**Training:** firefighter I  
**City of residence:** St. Peter  
**Family status:** married to Rachel  
**Place of employment:** Nelson Tree Service  
**Occupation:** line clearance



**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Justin Diederichs**



**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 2 **Age:** 22  
**Training:** entry level A & B, driver/operator  
**City of residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Tasch's Customs  
**Occupation:** truck driver



**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Ryan Steffes**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 3 **Age:** 28  
**Training:** entry level A & B, driver/operator  
**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Badger Well Drilling  
**Occupation:** well driller and pump




**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Austin Kaiser**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 22  
**Training:** entry level firefighter  
**City of residence:** Mt. Calvary  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** S&S Mechanical  
**Occupation:** steamfitter

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**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Mike Passineau**

**Rank:** Firefighter  
**Years in department:** 3  
**Family status:** single



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**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Isidro Tomas**



**Rank:** Entry Level  
**Years in department:** 1 **Age:** 23  
**City of residence:** Fond du Lac  
**Family status:** single  
**Place of employment:** Bremer Manufacturing & Quad Graphics  
**Occupation:** pouring, finishing



**Mt. Calvary Fire Department**

**Kyle Kraus**

**Rank:** Firefighter/First Responder  
**Years in department:** 7  
**City of residence:** Malone  
**Family status:** single



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Dan Kuhl

Rank: Firefighter/Aemt

Years in department: 8 Age: 34

Training: firefighter I & II, Hazmat ops, driver/operator, of-ficer I & II, AEMT

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Kim, 1 child

Place of employment: Milk Special-ties Global

Occupation: electrician





Mt. Calvary Fire/Ambulance

Joseph E. Abler

Rank: Firefighter/Ambulance Driver

Years in department: 47 Age: 65

Training: driver/ operator

Residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Judy, 2 children

Occupation: self-employed painter





Mt. Calvary Fire/Ambulance

Jeff J. Abler

Rank: Captain

Years in department: 19 Age: 37

Training: firefighter I & II, driver/operator, IC training

Residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Melissa, 4 children

Place of employment: Groeshal

Occupation: Sheet Metal Journeyman





Mt. Calvary Fire Department

Jerry Campbell

Rank: Inactive Member

Years in department: 36 Age: 71


Training: first responder


City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

Place of employ-ment: St. Law-rence Seminary

Occupation: maintenance





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Kim Kuhl

Rank: EMT-Basic

Years in department: 12 Age: 32

Training: EMT-B

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Dan, 1 child

Place of em-ployment: Bob Schuchardt Insur-ance

Occupation: receptionist





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Sharon Adamski

Rank: EMT

Years in department: 19 Age: 53


Training: EMT w/ ALS, defib

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: married to Joe, 1 child

Place of employ-ment: Calumet Co. Home Health & Hospice, Fox Valley Technical Col-lege/Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Occupation: home health/hospice aide, EMT, EMS Aide, CPR instructor





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Stacy L. Casper

Rank: EMT

Years in department: 17 Age: 40


Training: EMT- BD, CNA, CPR


City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: married to Robert, 3 children

Place of employ-ment: Schwarz's Supper Club

Occupation: waitress





Mt. Calvary Ambulance


Mike Roehrig


Rank: Driver

Years in department: 9 Age: 33

City of residence: Kiel

Family status: single





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Mary Krause

Rank: NR-EMT

Years in department: 25 Age: 67


Training: EMT-basic



City of residence: Chilton

Family status: widowed, 2 chil-dren

Place of employ-ment: Fox Valley Technical College

Occupation: EMS Instructor





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Christina A. Karls

Rank: EMT

Years in department: 19 Age: 43

Training: EMT-IV Tech, CPR, CNA

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: engaged

Place of employ-ment: Calumet Medical Center & Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Occupation: ER Tech, EMT IV Tech





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Stephanie Immel

Rank: EMT-Basic

Years in department: 11 Age: 32

Training: EMT-B

City of residence: St. Cloud

Family status: mar-ried, 3 children

Place of employ-ment: Mt. Cal-vary Ambulance & National Exchange Bank

Occupation: EMT/office & teller





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

John Roehrig

Rank: Driver


Years in department: 27 Age: 62


Training: CPR, EMT

Residence: New Holstein

Family status: married to Linda, 3 children

Occupation: student





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Kelsey Yahr

Rank: EMT

Years in department: 3

Training: EMT-Basic

City of residence: Oshkosh

Family status: single, 4 children

Place of employ-ment: Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Occupation: EMT





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Ann Schmitz

Rank: EMT-Basic

Years in department: 25 Age: 60


Training: EMT-Basic, CPR, EMR and EMT instruc-tor

City of residence: Johnsburg

Family status: single

Place of employ-ment: Blanck's Supper Club and FVTC

Occupation: manager and instructor





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Rachel Roehrig

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 11 Age: 31


Training: para-medice

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: single

Place of employ-ment: Gold Cross Ambulance & Mt. Calvary Ambu-lance

Occupation: RN/paramedic





Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Mark Wirtz

Rank: Driver/EMT

Years in department: 7 Age: 53


Training: EMT


City of residence: St. Peter

Family status: married, 1 child

Place of employ-ment: Miron Construction

Occupation: carpenter







Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Jeff Roehrig

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 10 Age: 27


Training: paramedic

City of residence: New Holstein

Family status: single

Place of employment: Theda Star

Occupation: paramedic



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Tyler Berenz

Rank: EMT/driver


Years in department: 6 Age: 24

Training: EMT-B

City of residence: St. Cloud

Family status: single

Place of employment: Meyer Plumbing



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John Abler


Rank: Driver

Years in department: 4

City of residence: St. Peter

Family status: single

Occupation: retired



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Annie Morgan

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 5

Training: paramedic

City of residence: Fond du Lac

Family status: single

Place of employment: Life Star Ambulance

Occupation: paramedic



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Ellen Wirtz

Rank: First Responder

Years in department: 9 Age: 58

Training: First Responder

City of residence: Malone

Family status: married to Mike, 2 children

Place of employment: Consultants Laboratory of Wisconsin

Occupation: medical technologist



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Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Theresa Hostettler

Rank: EMT

Years in department: 13 Age: 65


Training: EMT/LPN

City of residence: Chilton

Family status: 4 children, 4 grandchildren

Place of employment: Calumet Medical Center

Occupation: LPN



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Katie Van Ruiswijk

Rank: Driver/EMT-Basic

Years in department: 4

City of residence: Fond du Lac

Family status: married

Place of employment: Agnesian Healthcare

Occupation: nurse



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Louis Nett

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 2

Training: EMT-B

City of residence: Fond du Lac

Family status: single

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Kyle Kraus

Rank: Driver/EMR

Years in department: 2

Training: driver/EMR

City of residence: Malone

Family status: single

Occupation: farmer

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Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Tina Fugate

Rank: AEMT

Years in department: 3 Age: 48

Training: AEMT, CPR instructor

City of residence: Fond du Lac

Family status: single

Place of employment: Mt. Calvary Ambulance Service, Moraine Park Technical College

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John Gerarden

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 2

Training: paramedic

City of residence: Oshkosh

Family status: single

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Heather Shoemaker

Rank: Paramedic

Years in department: 2

Training: paramedic

City of residence: Beaver Dam

Family status: single

Occupation: student

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Kaylee Haring

Rank: EMT-Basic

Years in department: 2

Training: EMT-B

City of residence: Neenah

Family status: married

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Tom Pickart

Rank: EMT-Basic

Years in department: 4 Age: 29

Training: EMT-B

City of residence: Fond du Lac

Family status: married to Rebecca

Place of employment: Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service

Occupation: EMT-Basic

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Mt. Calvary Ambulance

Kevin Braun

Rank: Driver

Years in department: 14 Age: 34

Training: driver

City of residence: Mt. Calvary

Family status: single

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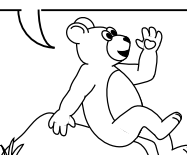
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Have you ever visited the firehouse or had a fire fighter come to your school to speak? It's just plain smart to learn how to help prevent fires. When fire fighters talk about fire safety we tell students:

- *Get out of the house quickly if there is a fire.*
- *Call the fire department from a neighbor's house.*
- *If your clothes catch on fire remember to...*

## STOP, DROP AND ROLL!

### Family Fire Safety Checklist

☐ Cook in the kitchen only when an adult is helping you.

☐ Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are only for adults to use.

☐ Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly. Change the batteries at least once a year.


☐ Do you know two or more ways out of the house?

☐ Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).

☐ Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.

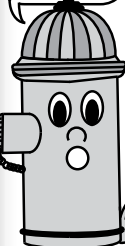
☐ Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?

☐ Once you are out of the house, *stay out* of the house.

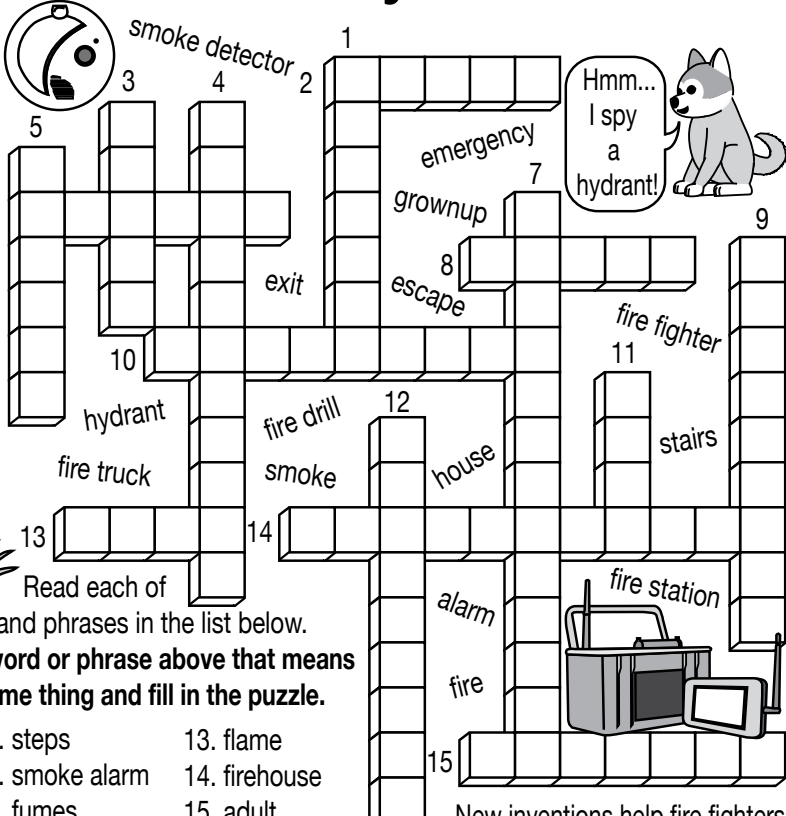


### 2 Ways Out

Families check out this list!





## Fire Safety is Smart!



Read each of the 15 words and phrases in the list below. Then, find a word or phrase above that means almost the same thing and fill in the puzzle.

1. fireplug	6. steps	13. flame
2. home	7. smoke alarm	14. firehouse
3. siren	8. fumes	15. adult
4. fireman	9. crisis	
5. getaway	10. fire engine	
	11. way out	
	12. fire exercise	

New inventions help fire fighters do their difficult work. One invention is a scanner that can detect faint heartbeats, which can help to find people trapped under rubble. Another is a mask with built-in "thermal imaging" that lets fire fighters "see" people and flames through smoke.



Finish each phrase with the word that makes sense:


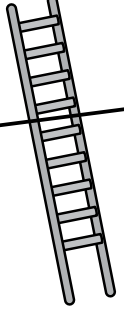
In a typical day, fire fighters may:

1. spread fire safety and awareness by visiting
2. slide from the third or second floor to the first on a
3. use scuba gear and a boat for
4. go to public buildings or businesses for a safety
5. clean their vehicles and perform equipment
6. feed, play with and train the
7. teach classes about CPR and other

Match each word to the phrase that makes sense:


To complete the job, fire fighters may use (a):

1. <b>fire truck</b>	A. to reach high floors or windows when a door is blocked
2. helmet	B. to protect their heads from flames and debris
3. <b>axe</b>	C. to spray gallons of water onto the fire
4. water hose	D. to allow them to breathe in a smoke-filled room
5. <b>air tank</b>	E. to get to a fire quickly with all the right equipment
6. <b>ladder</b>	F. to lift water from a lake or pond to put out wildfires
7. <b>helicopter</b>	G. to protect their bodies from fire (flame-proof materials) and to be seen easily by others due to reflective strips
8. coat	H. to chop down doors or walls during a rescue



In the Day of a FIRE FIGHTER

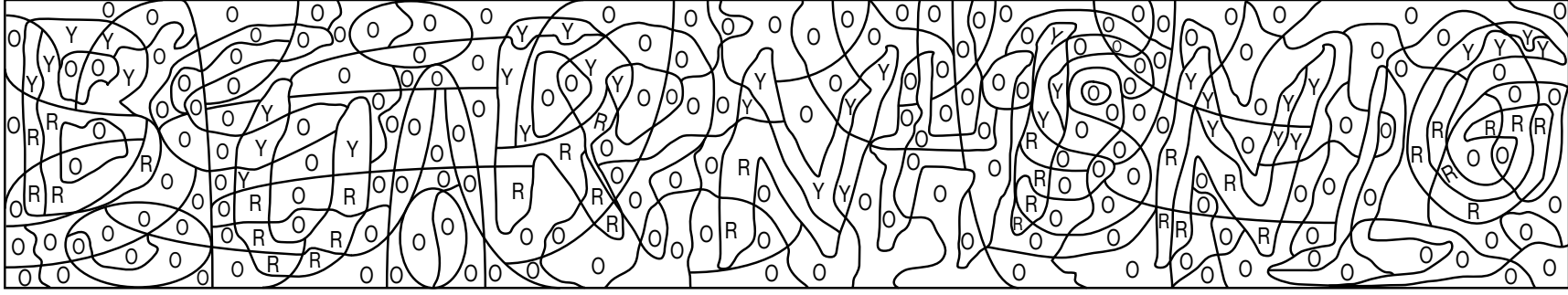
See the nine words in bold print to the left? Circle them in the fire extinguisher.



AT G A X E H J U I T F V B X A W

M C A K U E F  
Q I W O X

## ONCE YOU ARE OUT SAFELY, NEVER GO BACK INTO A BUILDING!



What does this fire safety message tell you? Follow this color key to find out: R = red Y = yellow O = orange





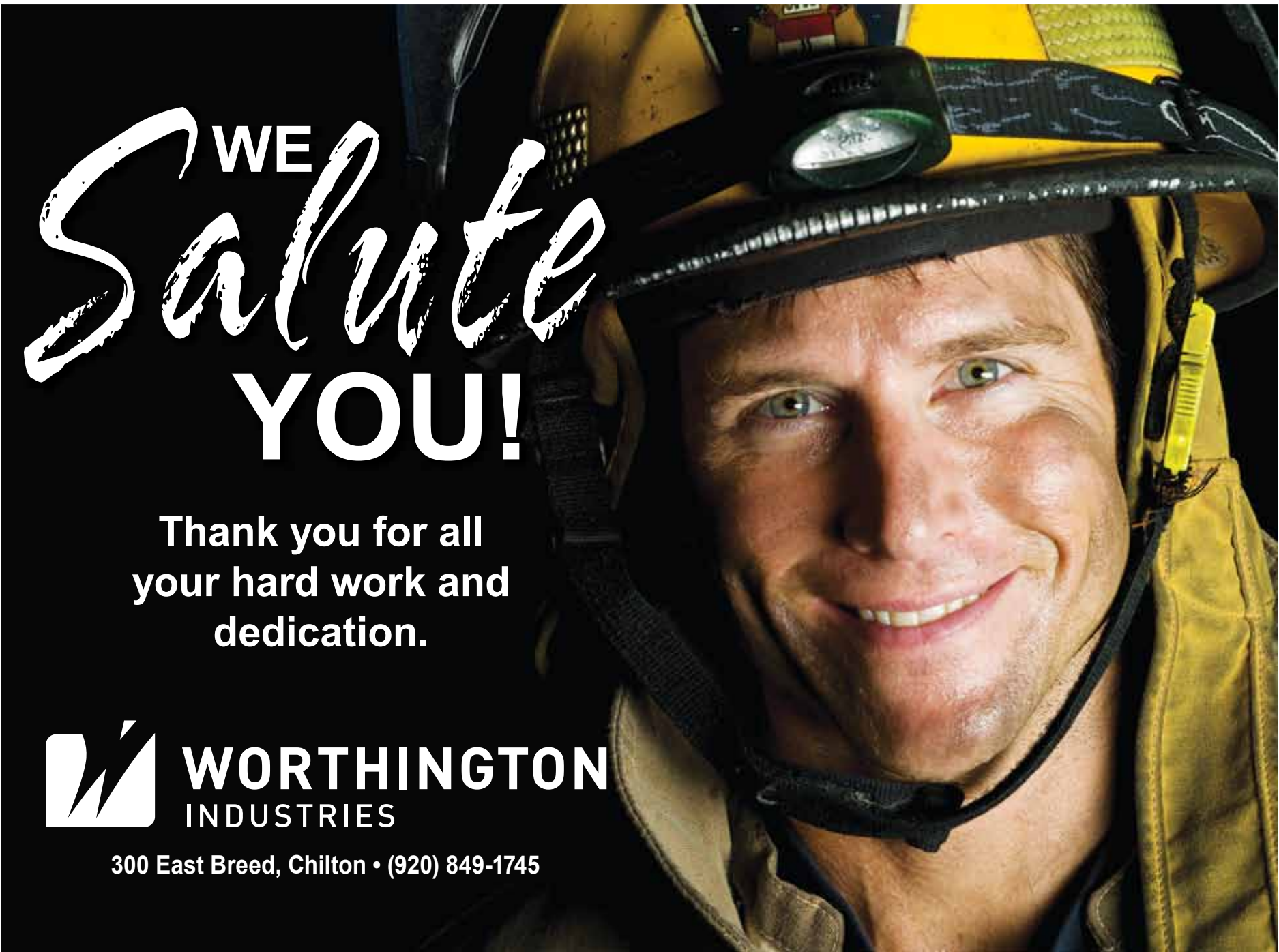
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